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MR. JOHN HILTON,

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Subject: "The Fighting Back!"
Chairman: His Worship the Mayor

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FAIRY TALES

HUSBAND'S LAST CHANCE

When Cecil Maurice Cayzer, of Hamilton-road, Sidcup, appeared on warrant before Ramsgate magistrates on Monday for being £57 in arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife and child, he was told by the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) that his word was not to be trusted.

"You have made definite promises to the court and have not kept them," said the chairman.

Defendant said for three weeks he was unable to work. His wage was 93s. 6d. a week and he was making a little extra by doing war repairs.

The Chairman: We are rather tired of seeing you. You compel us to bring you here. You can tell the tale very well indeed. You don't come up to the promises you make.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said defendant had been ordered to pay £2 a week. He made no payments between 15th September and 27th October.

Asked why he did not appear a fortnight previously, defendant said the car in which he was being driven to Chatham to catch a train to Ramsgate broke down.

Announcing that the case would be adjourned for a month, the Chairman told defendant that it was his last chance and if he did not keep up the payments he would be dealt with differently. "Many of the statements you have made have turned out to be absolutely futile," he said. "We know what you are earning and you can pay £2 a week. If you are a sensible man you will keep up your payments regularly. I can assure you this is the last time we shall act on these lines. Don't tell us any more of these fairy tales."

Man Who Kept His Word.

The case against George Willis Young, of Hebburn-on-Tyne, who was summoned for being £111 in arrears in respect of the maintenance of an illegitimate child, was further adjourned for six months.

The Clerk said defendant regularly paid 8s. a week. The amount of the order was 7s. 6d. a week.

"This man always keeps his word," said Mr. Knight, adding that he had a wife and family to keep.

"We don't expect you to pay when you are not earning the money," said the Chairman to Alfred Frederick Johnstone, of Albany-place, Dover, who was summoned for being £22 in arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife.

Defendant produced a doctor's certificate to show that he had been ill and was unable to work.

Defendant said he was worried because the arrears were accumulating.

"I don't think you have much to worry about," said the chairman, adding that the magistrates would be satisfied if he paid the sum of £1 4s. a week all the time he was working.

MORE IN THE PAY PACKET

BROADSTAIRS JOINS JOINT INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

In accordance with a decision of the Joint Industrial Council, the war wages increase of manual employees of Broadstairs Council has been fixed as from the first full working week in October at 11s. instead of 8s., this being the rated rate for men, women receiving 75 per cent. of that amount.

The wages of nine other male employees not affected by the ruling have also been increased by 2s. a week, that of a woman employee by 2s. 3d. in respect of a 47-hour week, or alternatively by 1d. per hour where part of a week is worked.

The Council, after deciding in January not to become members of the Joint Industrial Council, have now applied for membership with a view to sending a representative to attend the meetings.

The report of the Finance Committee presented to the Council on Monday explained that rate of the men, women employees of the water undertaking had not received the increased rates of pay prescribed by the Joint Industrial Council because their existing rates were in excess of the rates laid down for the class of work in which they were employed and the Water Engineer was directed to make the position known to the men affected.

If it's News ring Ramsgate 1012.

CHILDREN HAVE COME HOME

BUT THEY DON'T ALL GO TO SCHOOL

In the five months from 1st April to 1st September the number of Ramsgate children in the official reception area dropped by over two hundred—from 1,822 to 1,601.

The failure of the Regional Authority to enforce an order for the return of children to the reception area has expedited the flow of children back to Ramsgate but full advantage is not being taken of the part-time tuition being provided in the town.

At a meeting of the Education Committee in committee on 24th September the Secretary (Mr. S. V. West) reported that part-time tuition began on 25th August and that approximately 465 children were in attendance. Of the 940 children between the ages of 5 and 14 in the town at the present time, 513 are enrolled for part-time tuition. The average attendance last week was 431, representing 84 per cent. of those enrolled.

An appeal to parents in Ramsgate to allow their children to take advantage of what facilities are provided was made by the vice-chairman (Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel) at a meeting of the Education Committee on Saturday.

They wished, he said, that the Regional Authority had had the courage of their convictions in the matter of the evacuation of the children.

"We feel that education in this town cannot be what it should be in present circumstances," he said, "and the only satisfactory solution is that the children should be properly educated whole-time elsewhere. As to whether that will ever come about we must wait and see. Within the limits that are placed upon us we are doing our best.

"We could wish that those parents who have children in the borough would see that they avail themselves of the part-time education. If they do not do so it will handicap them tremendously in the future. If my words reach those parents I hope they will consider them very seriously."

RAILINGS TO GO

ARTISTIC BROADSTAIRS GATES

Nineteen objections to the removal of railings and gates were received by Broadstairs Council.

The appeals were considered by the General Purposes Committee, which decided to reject all but four.

The appeals allowed were in respect of the railings at Broadstairs Council School, St. Mildred's-avenue, and 68 Church-street, St. Peter's, both allowed for reasons of public safety, and the entrance gates at Thanet Place, North Foreland, and the Hearts of Oak Convalescent Home, Callis Court-road, both were allowed on the grounds of artistic merit.

At Monday's meeting of the Council Councillor G. W. Lane said some residents did not seem to appreciate the importance of every pound of iron being devoted to the war effort. He had had a letter from Miss Briggs, of The Ranch, who had made an appeal which had been disallowed, and he wished to ask the Surveyor (Mr. J. W. Richardson) to explain why the railings at The Ranch were to be removed.

The Surveyor said he made an inspection of the railings and there was a hedge at the back which was sufficient to prevent animals from straying. In the circumstances there was nothing else to do but schedule the railings.

ECONOMY

Having been asked by the Under-Secretary for Mines to give local publicity to the Government's effort to secure the greatest possible economy in the use of all forms of fuel, Broadstairs Council proposed to distribute a handbill appeal to residents throughout the district.

Now the Council have been informed that, while the interest they have taken in the question of fuel economy is appreciated, a Government leaflet will be distributed by gas and electricity undertakings so the issue of a local leaflet would result in duplication.

The Council have therefore decided to do no more about it.

SENIOR OFFICIALS

TO RECEIVE A WAR BONUS

At their meeting in January Broadstairs Council decided to grant a cost of living bonus of 6 per cent. to all members of the administrative, technical and clerical staff whose normal salary was less than £250 a year. At their own request the senior officials received no bonus.

When the Finance Committee met last week the chairman, Councillor B. J. Pearson, suggested that consideration should be given to the question of extending the bonus to these members of the staff.

The committee resolved to consider the question at a special meeting prior to the monthly Council meeting on Monday.

Having duly considered the matter the committee recommended that a bonus of 6 per cent. be paid on salaries up to £300 per annum, and a bonus of 3 per cent. on salaries between £300 and £500.

The recommendation was carried without a dissentient vote.

Twelve officials are affected by the Council's decision and the cost will amount only to an additional £220 5s. 5d. per annum—an average of slightly less than 7s. a week per official.

The report of the committee stated that they had further considered the question of the cost of living bonus granted to certain members of the administrative, technical and clerical staff pursuant to resolution by the Council on 23rd December, 1940. This resolution provided for a cost of living bonus at the rate of 6 per cent. to such members of the staff whose salaries were less than £250 per annum, but that such bonus should not be paid to any member of the staff who had received an increase in salary since 1st November, 1940. The effect of this resolution was to authorise the payment of a bonus to four members of the staff at a cost of £46 2s. 5d. per annum.

Generous Attitude.

The committee now recommended that as from 1st November, 1941, the payment of the cost of living bonus be extended to all permanent members of the Council's administrative, technical and clerical staff on the following basis: (a) in respect of £300 per annum of normal salary at the rate of 6 per cent., (b) in respect of the normal salary in excess of £300 per annum but not exceeding £500 per annum at the rate of 3 per cent.

Moving the adoption of the recommendation the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said that looking back over the past two years he realised they could not possibly have had a staff who would have carried out the work more efficiently and put in such additional work in connection with the emergency. Not long before they dealt with officials earning up to £300 per annum and the chief officials then generously wrote to the committee intimating that at the time they had no desire that they should receive the benefit of any increase. The Council acknowledged the generous attitude adopted by the officials. A good deal had happened since then. He felt, as chairman of the Finance Committee, that the matter should be brought forward for consideration once more.

Wonderful Work.

Since that time, continued the chairman, income tax had increased considerably and the cost of living had gone up. He suggested that as an appreciation of the wonderful work of the staff that the bonus should be extended as the committee had recommended. He was sure the Council would wish him at the same time to express to the staff their appreciation of the work they had done.

Seconding the adoption of the report, Councillor G. W. Lane said several of the senior members of the staff reached their maximum salaries six or seven years ago and the salaries they were now receiving were not comparable with what they should be. They had a very cheap staff who devoted considerable enthusiasm and extreme care to their work. At least the Council could do was to adopt the recommendation.

Councillor B. Humphrey said the Council were very loyally supported by their officials and only a few knew of the extra time they were called upon to work as a result of the war. They had done their work with the utmost willingness.

A further tribute to the staff came from Councillor E. K. Minter, who described them as second to none. They worked amicably together and with the members of the Council.

The recommendation was carried, Councillor H. Noble abstaining from voting.

HOMESICK TEACHERS

Margate teachers want to come home. At a meeting of the Education Committee on Friday the chairman, Alderman W. C. Redman, said the Margate Teachers' Association had asked the Committee to bear their claims in mind if and when the establishment of teachers at Margate was enlarged.

They need have no fear in that respect, said Alderman Redman, because the committee were very conscious of the fact that they wanted their own teachers back, even if they had gone to another authority, when the right time came.

UNDER-NOURISHED CHILDREN

Ramsgate Education Committee have recommended that an investigation should be made into the home circumstances of under-nourished children in the town so that suitable meals should be available at the British Restaurants in cases where they are deemed necessary.

BRAVE P.O. LINESMEN

AWARDED BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

SEQUEL TO RAMSGATE RAID

By an extraordinary coincidence three East Kent men, whose names appeared in the Civil Defence Honours List a year ago for having carried out a highly dangerous job under enemy fire after an aerodrome had been blitzed, have now each been awarded the British Empire Medal for their courage and devotion to duty following a raid on Ramsgate some months ago.

The men are Linesman Cyril Bax, of Swainby, Margate-road, Ramsgate, Linesman Arthur John Shepherd, of Adelaide Villa, Park-lane, Birchington, and Inspr. William Oscar Leslie Goodwin, of Herne Bay, all of whom are attached to the Post Office Engineering Department, Canterbury.

In August of last year Inspr. Goodwin called for volunteers to help to restore communications following a raid on an aerodrome. Bax and Shepherd answered the call and together with their inspector carried out the work within a few feet of a number of delayed action bombs, which subsequently exploded.

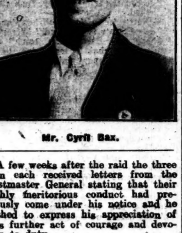
About a year later Ramsgate experienced a heavy raid and telephonic communications were again interrupted.

A delayed action bomb had been dropped near the seat of the trouble so Inspr. Goodwin again called for volunteers. Bax and Shepherd once again responded to the call and for two days worked within a few feet of the unexploded bomb.

That at the time they were working up a telegraph pole directly above the bomb.

"If the bomb had gone off we should not have known anything about it," they said afterwards.

On Friday the "London Gazette" announced that the three men had been awarded the British Empire Medal for "meritorious conduct in working for two days within about ten feet of a delayed action bomb at Ramsgate."



Mr. Cyril Bax.

A few weeks after the raid the three men each received letters from the Postmaster General stating that their highly meritorious conduct had previously come under his notice and he wished to express his appreciation of this further act of courage and devotion to duty.

On Friday each of the men received a letter as follows:

"The Postmaster General has learnt with great pleasure that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award to you of the British Empire Medal, Civil Division, for the courage and devotion to duty which you displayed in connection with the intense air attack on Ramsgate on the 12/13th of August, 1941. The award will be announced in a Supplement to the 'London Gazette' to be published on Friday, the 31st of October, 1941.

"I have to convey to you the congratulations of the Postmaster General and the Director General on this second occasion on which His Majesty has recognised your meritorious conduct."

Margate Man Commended.

Working together with Messrs. Goodwin, Bax and Shepherd was Mr. Charles Powell, of Helena-avenue, Margate, who has been commended by the Postmaster General.

Mr. Bax, describing the incident when his name appeared in the Civil Defence Honours List a year ago, said:

"I was away from the town on 24th August when the big raid took place. I immediately hurried back to find that my father's house had been destroyed. My father had left the town, but my twin brothers were living at the house. Fortunately they were out at the time.

"Soon after lunch the inspector called for volunteers to go to the aerodrome to restore communications and I considered it my duty to go.

"Bombs were still falling when we arrived but we got on with the job. We had to work in a bomb crater part of the time and a number of bombs where we were working subsequently went off. We did not think about the danger. Communications had to be restored and all we did was our duty."

The same night the Air Ministry got

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COUNCILLOR AND MAGICIAN

DEATH OF MR. W. J. ROFF

Mr. William John Roff, of Restholme, Wellington-crescent, Ramsgate, until recently a member of Ramsgate Town Council, passed away at Teddington Memorial Hospital on Sunday, aged 68 years.

A member of the Magic Circle, Mr. Roff, who added to his popularity as a councillor by giving conjuring performances in aid of charitable causes, was elected to the Town Council in November, 1937, when he defeated Mr. W. T. Peters by 46 votes.

A prominent member of the Brotherhood movement, he was also closely associated with the Ramsgate Ratepayers' Association.

As a boarding house proprietor, Mr. Roff entered wholeheartedly into Ramsgate's pre-war "all-in" holiday scheme and he was at his establishment that Paul Bewsher, the "Daily Mail" star reporter, stayed when he came to the town to describe his own happy experiences as an "all-in" visitor.

Councillor Roff was an optimist and until the last refused to accept the fact that war with Germany was inevitable. Until ill-health necessitated his departure from Ramsgate recently he was still hopeful that the war would be of short duration and that prosperity would soon return to Ramsgate.

Unable to attend any meetings of the Council during the preceding six months, Mr. Roff was replaced by Mr. P. Turner as a representative of the East Cliff Ward at the end of August.

The funeral will take place at Ramsgate to-morrow morning.

DOCTOR REPLACES COUNCILLOR

ON FOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE

A hint that members of Broadstairs Council do not always see eye to eye was given at a meeting of the Council on Monday.

The business included the appointment of ten members of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Food Control Committee, consequent on the expiration of the term of office of the following members: Messrs. H. H. Dale, F. Foster, L. Harrison and G. R. Lawrence (trade members), and Mrs. W. Bridge, Mrs. F. M. Lowe, and Messrs. S. W. Fright, B. Humphrey, A. A. Noble, and H. Noble (consumer members).

The trade members were re-elected and when it came to the election of the consumer members Councillor B. Humphrey moved that Dr. Riley should be elected to the committee.

When the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) asked Councillor Humphrey in whose place he suggested Dr. Riley should serve, Councillor Humphrey said he would move that he should serve in the place of Councillor Noble.

Councillor S. W. Fright moved an amendment that Dr. Riley should serve in the place of Councillor Nobbs. The amendment was carried.

FEEDING THE CHILDREN

At a meeting of Margate Education Committee on Friday the chairman, Alderman W. C. Redman, said that although so few children were attending the schools in the town and were at school such a little time, the committee were doing all they could in regard to the question of nutrition.

The Director, Mr. J. C. Aspden, said it was the first occasion on which the committee had accepted full responsibility for supplying milk to children in the town. Although the existing organisation the provision of meals was rather a difficult question, but they were endeavouring, through the School Medical Officer, to see that no child who was under-nourished should suffer at all.

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into touch with the Chief Engineer at the Post Office and highly commended the work, and each of the men received a letter of congratulation from the Postmaster General, Mr. W. J. Morrison.

Linesman Shepherd served with the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment in France and Iraq during the last war and received the Mons Star.

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HALF-TIME SCHOOLS

MARGATE PROPOSAL

Subject to the approval of the Board of Education, Margate Education Committee have decided to substitute half-time schooling for the children remaining in the borough instead of the present system of home education which involves attendance at school for an hour and a half only a day.

Making this announcement at a meeting of the committee on Friday, the chairman, Alderman W. C. Redman, said he hoped that when the arrangement came into operation every child in the borough would take advantage of it.

Referring to the withdrawal of certain restrictions upon the return to the area of evacuated children, Alderman Redman emphasised that parents who brought back their children must still report the fact to the committee.

"What will happen I don't know," said the chairman, adding that they were placed back practically where they were before the schools were evacuated in June last year.

The Director (Mr. J. C. Aspden): The fact that the restrictions have been relaxed does not mean that we are moving.

Travel Request Ignored.

Referring to the committee's efforts to obtain free travel facilities from the Government for parents wishing to visit their children in the reception area in Staffordshire, which had so far proved unsuccessful, the chairman said the committee felt it was unfair to the parents who had helped the Government by keeping their children away that the Ministry of Health should not grant facilities for them to have free travel tickets.

The Rev. Father F. A. Waterhouse said he felt very keenly that parents who had carried out the wishes of the authorities by evacuating their children should be afforded facilities for visiting them, but although the Director had written to the Ministry of Health four times on the matter he had not yet received an acknowledgment.

"It is my suspicion," continued Father Waterhouse, "that the question of providing facilities for parents to visit their children has something to do with the withdrawal of certain restrictions relating to the return of evacuated children. I think, possibly, that they realise the difficulties and that they cannot expect children to be separated from their parents and parents from their children for long periods at a time, and are not prepared to face the expense of paying for their travel. I think that has something to do with the withdrawal of the restrictions. They can now say to the parents 'You need not have your children away'."

The chairman: That may be, but it is curious to think it should be the expense of sending the parents to the children when you see how money is being spent in other directions.

Father Waterhouse: I agree. The situation still remains serious, because the war is not finished. It does not follow that because we propose opening the schools for half-time education, which I agree is desirable in the circumstances, that it is best for the children to be here. Personally, I don't think it is a good thing for parents to have their children in this borough until the war is over or we see the danger is considerably less than at present.

DISPUTE ABOUT WATER

A difference of opinion between the officials of Margate and Broadstairs Councils regarding the computation of the quantity of water supplied by Margate to Broadstairs during a period when the recording meter at Fleete reservoir was out of action is still the subject of correspondence passing between the Waterworks Committees of the respective Councils.

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A. R. YOUNG
Chairman.

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2. That no alteration has been made in the present authorised closing hour of 8.30 p.m. on any day of the week for the sale of tobacco and smokers' requisites.

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DATED this 4th day of November, 1941.

E. F. OWEN
Clerk of the Council.

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BROADSTAIRS SHOP HOURS

Broadstairs Council have given notice that until 28th February the latest closing hour for shops including barbers and hairdressers is now 6 p.m. (7.30 Saturdays).

The exceptions are confectioners and newsagents—8 p.m. (9.30 Saturdays)—and tobacconists—9.30 p.m. any day.

THEY COME BY CAR

TO SLEEP IN RAMSGATE TUNNELS

BIG DEMAND FOR MORE BUNKS

The demand for bunks in Ramsgate's tunnel shelters has substantially increased, and all surplus bunks have now been allocated.

In view of the fact that applications for bunks are still being received and in order to meet future emergency requirements, the Borough Engineer (Mr. D. Brimmell) has made application to the Regional Authorities for approval to the provision of additional bunking for approximately 1,600 people.

On receipt of the Regional Authority's approval the Engineer has been authorised to carry out the work.

A suggestion that visitors from Margate and Broadstairs who occupied bunks in the tunnels should be asked to pay a fee was made by Councillor W. L. Knibbs when the matter came before the Council on Thursday.

Councillor Knibbs asked how many people who were not citizens of Ramsgate were using bunks in the tunnels. He was not in full agreement with people from Margate and Broadstairs coming to Ramsgate and occupying bunks. He agreed that if such people were caught in the town during a raid they should be able to take shelter but occupying bunks was a different matter. He was told that some people came to Ramsgate in their cars, parked them in the Cannonbury car park, spent the night in the tunnels, and left again at six o'clock the following morning.

Seeking Other People Pay.

As the people of Ramsgate had got to pay heavily for the tunnels he did not see why people from other towns who slept in them should not be asked to pay a small fee. He suggested they might pay a shilling a night or five shillings a week. The money could be used to help Ramsgate people after the war, when they would have serious burdens to face.

Councillor F. C. Miller said he did not agree with Councillor Knibbs about the payment of a fee but he thought that if people in other towns wanted protection such as was provided in Ramsgate it was up to them to persuade their Councils to provide it. He had even heard it suggested that people from Margate were not satisfied with the cubicles in Ramsgate tunnels. He considered the amenities provided should be reinforced for the use of Ramsgate people.

Councillor J. Martin said that at an earlier meeting of the Bunk Committee it was decided that if bunks were available after the needs of Ramsgate people had been satisfied they could be used by people from adjoining towns. The question the committee would now have to consider was whether the people from Margate would have to go as there were insufficient bunks.

Alderman A. E. Petley said he thought it was all to the good that Margate and Broadstairs people should use the tunnels. He thought that Ramsgate was safer than the other two towns.

DUAL APPOINTMENT

OPPOSED BY NEW COUNCILLOR

Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday had before them the recommendation of the Cemeteries Committee that Mr. B. H. Abram, of the Town Clerk's Department, should be appointed Cemeteries Superintendent and that his salary should be increased by £100 per annum.

When the report of the Cemeteries Committee was presented for confirmation Councillor J. B. Butler, who was attending his first meeting, moved an amendment that the paragraph concerning the appointment of a Superintendent should be referred to Council in Committee.

As the amendment failed to find a seconder it fell to the ground.

Speaking to the resolution, Councillor Butler said they were told that certain departments were short-staffed and they were proposing to give further work to some of the officials. He disagreed with the principle of "dual positions," which had been increasing in the town for some years past.

Councillor Butler added that if the Superintendent did not reside at the cemetery undertakers from away might have to chase him all over the town.

Councillor F. C. Miller, chairman of the Cemeteries Committee, said arrangements would be made so that the office at the cemetery would be open in the mornings and afternoons.

The committee's recommendations were adopted.

NEW COUNCILLORS WELCOMED

Four new members attended their first open meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

They were Councillors H. Farmer, J. B. Butler, D. J. R. Smith, and Dr. A. Duffy.

Expressing the hope that the new members would be able to help them in their deliberations, the Mayor (Alderman A. E. C. Kempe) said "You will find it's very playful at times. That's all to the good. We hope you will have a happy time."

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

THE RETURN VISIT

By CYRIL HARE

Country-house burglaries had been frequent that year. The public had acquired the habit of turning first each morning to the burglary page for news of the latest daring theft. The natural pleasure which such reading gives to every healthy-minded person was quite unalloyed by any feeling of fear in the breasts of the greater body of readers; for the thief or thieves had confined themselves exclusively to houses where there were objects peculiarly worth the taking.

But the interest warmed to something near indignation when it became known that Harpledon Abbey had actually been broken into. For Harpledon belonged to no less a person than Lord Bernard Gaverton, and Lord Bernard belonged to the public. That is to say, he was one of those rare individuals who for no discernable reason have been fixed upon by the British people as public characters. Wherever he went and whatever he did was "news" of the headline variety; and it followed, quite naturally if illogically, that he was, without any conspicuous effort on his part, immensely popular.

The concern excited by the violation of Harpledon was perhaps exaggerated, for when all was said and done, the damage did not amount to very much. Lord Bernard, with his usual affability, explained as much to inquiring journalists in the library at Harpledon next day. Only a few pieces of silver of no great value had been taken, he said.

The thief evidently knew his trade, but not his way about the house. He had plainly devoted considerable trouble to battering open a large safe which was entirely empty and had overlooked the small one in the library where were kept the famous Walmsley Salt, the two James I steeple cups and the Cellini goblet. These treasures Lord Bernard now exhibited to his visitors, and kindly helped with the spelling of "Walmsley."

More serious, Lord Bernard went on, was the fact that but for the failure of the telephone the thief might very well have been captured. The butler had been aroused by the sound of the departing burglar's car, and had tried in vain for an hour to give warning to the police. If the wires had been blocked in time there would at least have been a good chance of recovering the property.

His lordship pointed out that Harpledon was in an extremely isolated part of Sussex, and the idea of being wholly cut off from assistance in case of need struck him as most disquieting. He was on the point of leaving for the Continent, putting the house in the charge of two servants, but he had postponed his departure for a day in order to complain personally to the Postmaster-General, and he trusted that on his return he would find that the matter had been set right.

The reports of the interview were accorded considerable prominence. There was nothing else in the news at the time to create a sensation, and it happened that the telephone service had been coming in for a good deal of criticism recently. So it is happened that Lord Bernard's unimportant loss provoked an outcry against the Post Office.

Something would be done at once, the harassed Postmaster-General promised in reply to the pointed questions asked him in the House of Commons. The complete reform of the telephone service was perhaps too much to expect—indeed nobody expected it—but Lord Bernard's case at least should receive immediate attention. He had personally assured his lordship, on the eve of his departure for the Continent, that no time should be lost in the matter. The affair would not be left in the hands of the local postal authorities, but an experienced technician would be sent down from London (applause) and (after another and some applause) to make the Walmsley Salt and its fellow treasures as safe as a vigilant telephone system could make them.

Prompt Arrival.

The experienced technician did not let the Postmaster-General down. The announcement had been made in question-time in the House of Commons, and by six o'clock on the same afternoon the splutter of his motor bicycle outside Harpledon Abbey brought Waters, Lord Bernard's gloomy and dignified butler, to the door.

"You have come about the telephone, I inquired, in my time.

"Yes, that's right," replied the other, jumping off his machine with alacrity. "You don't happen to be Waters, by name is. I'm from the Post Office."

Waters did not return Mr. Hicks's greeting. Instead he fixed upon the latter an unenthusiastic eye over the visitor's rather shabby blue serge suit and plebeian vehicle, and murmured disparagingly: "Will you come this way please?"

Mr. Hicks took from his side-car a bulging tool-bag that clinked as he moved it.

"No going back for my tools from this gentleman's-way place, I'm warned," Waters' retreating back displayed no appreciation of the jest, and he followed in silence to the library.

The telephone stood on a desk at one end of the long room. Behind it heavy curtains hung, one of which partly concealed a corner of the safe which had been so fortunately overlooked on an earlier occasion. The safe's door yawned into it, extracted some tools and began work upon the telephone. Waters meanwhile stood a few paces away, standing on the very yard of so above Mr. Hicks's head, as though anxious, if possible, to avoid recognition by his employer. Under the technician's practised hands the instrument was quickly resolved into its component parts, and the delicate distractions of the work nor the butler's frigid attitude sufficed to stem his flow of conversation.

"Bit lonely here, I expect, ain't it?" he inquired.

"A little—yes," admitted Waters, apparently to a shelf of eighteenth century pots.

"Big 'ouse like this," went on Mr. Hicks, doing some tricky work on the receiver with what looked like a tin-opener, "You and your missus can't do for the lordship all by yourselves, surely?"

"When the family is in residence," responded Waters in glacial tones, "there is, of course, an adequate indoor staff." His expression at that moment had a marked resemblance to the bust of Dante to which he directed his remarks.

"And when the family ain't in residence," pursued the odious visitor, "what happens to the poor old staff? Gets the sack, eh?"

Waters had to swallow twice before he could trust himself to reply.

"It is at present in London, preparing the house in readiness for her ladyship's return from Scotland."

"I see," commented Mr. Hicks thoughtfully. He arranged the integral parts of the telephone upon the desk, and began to examine them one by one. "I suppose your old lady couldn't give me a cup of tea, could she, old chap? I came away without mine; I was in such a hurry."

"My lord—Mrs. Waters is unfortunately away for the day," answered the butler, looking now less like Dante than like one of the inmates of the Inferno. "She is visiting relatives in another part of the estate, and does not return till nine o'clock this evening."

"Oh, is she as the lodge which you can see from the windows here?" asked Mr. Hicks casually.

"Yes. The lodge is untenanted at present, Mrs. Waters is at the keeper's cottage, half a mile in the other direction."

"I see," said Mr. Hicks again, more thoughtfully than ever. "So you really are alone, ain't you? Quite, quite alone, I mean? Isn't that a bit of luck?"

Mr. Waters Gets a Shock.

As he spoke he plunged once more into his bag. The tool which he extracted this time was a revolver.

"D'you want to have the key to that safe on you?" he inquired gently, balancing the weapon in his hand.

Waters, as a matter of fact, was doing the head to foot, which could only shake his head repeatedly in reply.

"I might have known they wouldn't leave anything valuable to an old dodderer like you," remarked the skilled technician contemptuously. "Not in a matters much, anyway. Since you've been so blooming confidential about your all-aloneness, I've time to tell you that perhaps who uses this telephone again inside of a week will be a genius, and when Mrs. Waters returns from her relatives to-night she'll have to walk for the police. Meanwhile—sit down!"

The startled butler abruptly found himself sitting in one of the picturesque but uncomfortable arm-chairs with which the library was furnished. Two minutes later he was neatly trussed hand and foot to his seat, not looking now in the least like Dante, but merely like a poor old man in a very undignified attitude.

Mr. Hicks surveyed him critically, his head on one side.

"You'll do," he remarked. "Don't make a noise, or I'll gag you. Not that you could make much hear if you did yell, but I like to concentrate at my work, see?"

Receiving no answer, he turned once again to his bag, which yielded up this time tools quite unknown to the General Post Office. With these in his hands he moved behind the desk to the safe, and kneeling down before it, began to examine the very casualty the nature of the lock. His face displayed all the eagerness of the craftsman absorbed in his work. So absorbed indeed was he that he failed to notice the pair of eyes opposite begin to shake or the sound of cautious steps behind him.

Awakening.

Mr. Hicks awoke from a dream of enthusiasm to find sparkling stars to find himself lying flat on his back on the floor of the library. Two men were looking down at him. One of them, even in his dazed condition, he recognised easily enough. Detective-Inspector Mallett and he were old acquaintances. The other, who was affectionately nursing a niblick in his hand, he had certainly never seen before, but his face seemed even more familiar. This was scarcely surprising, for had he but known it, he was just then enjoying the privilege of a close view of one of the most celebrated faces in the kingdom. On an average it was safe to say that one issue in three of every illustrated paper in Great Britain contained at least one photograph of Lord Bernard Gaverton.

It was Lord Bernard who spoke first. "Is this the long-lost boy, Inspector?" he asked.

Mallett's face shone with happiness.

"It certainly is, my lord," he replied. "Come on, Barny, my son!" He hauled the shaken technician to his feet with a powerful and ungentle hand. "It'll be a long stretch for you this time." Then turning to Lord Bernard he added, "If you were a constable, your lordship, I should have you recommended for special promotion. Your little scheme worked like a charm."

Lord Bernard flushed with pleasure.

"There's nothing like a little well-directed publicity," he said gleefully. "We can none of us do without it. I've been giving interviews in my time, but I really think the one about the Walmsley Salt was my masterpiece. But still you mind saying poor old Waters before we do anything else? He looks a bit shaken."

Mallett released the butler from his bonds.

"And now I'd better see about getting this fellow to the station," he remarked. "I want a minute before you do anything rash," interrupted Lord Bernard, excitedly. "It has always been a theory of mine that criminal classes are among the most careful readers of newspapers. Our little pal here isn't the sort to stop at one paper, and—" he glanced out of the window—"by jove! There is someone coming up the drive—probably the newspaper man in a two-seater. Quick, Inspector, clear this mess out of the way!"

The front door bell rang. Lord Bernard turned to the butler.

"Waters, old chap," he said, apologetically, "I know you've had a rough time, but you must suggest that of law and order do you mind very much—?"

Waters was a portly and dignified gentleman, and not so young as he had been. He had suffered a severe shock to body and spirit alike, and he minded very much indeed. But a moment's refusal trembled on his lips. But the feudal spirit held. He cast one imploring look at his master and then went leaden-footed to the door.

[THE END]

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

MINSTER MAN'S ESCAPE

Although he has "had a h— of a time" with Driver Frank Leppard, R.A.S.C., has written to his mother, Mrs. Dillistone, of the New Inn, Minster, stating that he has received two parcels of comforts sent him by the people of Minster and Monkton.

Thirty years of age, Driver Leppard, who joined up in June last year, was reported missing from Crete in April but is now in Syria.

Taking part in the Greek campaign he also escaped from Crete and has since been in Palestine and Transjordan.

TEAR GAS TEST CRITICS

CHARGE OF BARBARITY REFUTED

KEEN COUNCIL DEBATE

A rigorous attack on, and an equally vigorous defence of a proposal to hold public tear gas exercises at Ramsgate characterised a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee stated that the A.R.P. Sub-Controller (Mr. S. H. Butler) had reported that he proposed to arrange for such exercises at an early date.

Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel moved an amendment "That public tear gas exercises be not undertaken in Ramsgate unless and until the Council have placed under a definite obligation to undertake such exercises by competent authority."

Councillor Harcourt Samuel said he understood that at his present time the suggestion was made by the Regional Authority that such exercises should be undertaken, but they were not under a definite obligation. The streets were going to be filled with clouds of gas that would be intensely fear-producing, and in high concentrations would be a respiratory irritant. Serious hardship would be inflicted on people, particularly invalids and children, who might not have their gas masks with them at the time. Also, perhaps, on dogs and horses, for whom no respirators were provided or were likely to be.

Government by Suggestion.

He wondered why the suggestion had been made. Was it a punishment for those people who did not carry their gas masks? As yet it was not a crime not to carry a gas mask. No order had been issued. All they had had were repeated suggestions and a lot of money wasted on advertising. An order to carry gas masks would have been far more effective.

It was time the Council protested against the Regional Authority and Whitehall attempting to rule the country by suggestion, said Councillor Harcourt Samuel. They had suffered in this town enormously from it. He knew of traders who had lost hundreds of thousands of pounds because they had acted on some of the suggestions made.

The Education Committee had been made to look ridiculous. They had attempted loyally to carry out the instructions given them, and the Government had turned a deaf ear when it required that an order should be made. After the Regional Authority had given instructions which the Education Committee carried out the Regional Authority proved not to have the courage of their convictions. It was time the Regional Authority and Whitehall did have the courage of their convictions.

Methods of the Concentration Camp.

If the authorities wanted gas masks carried let them make an order to that effect, and it would be obeyed. Until they did so it was not right to punish people who did not carry them. It reminded him of the methods of Germans in their concentration camps.

It might be that they wanted to confuse the issue by putting tear gas masks but what a method of education! It was one used in the United States against mobs set on lynching, or against people who had barricaded themselves in buildings. He thought he was right in saying it had not even been used in police practise in this country.

What would be said to the Education Committee carrying out the suggestion, asked the councillor. They endeavoured to teach the children that tear gas made it as easy as he had seen them at gas mask drill. No one had suggested that tear gas should be released in the classrooms. It was a monstrous proposal and had an outcry from Tunbridge Wells and Whitehall. Was it more justifiable in the case of Mr. Hicks to justify them to attack grown-ups by this barbarous method than the children?

The chairman of the Civil Defence Committee (Mr. Hardy) may say that similar tests had been carried out in other towns. He would not attempt to argue that point. He would say that a thing had been done in one place it was right that it should be done everywhere. He was not going to do anything with so barbarous a method of coercing people. If the Government were prepared to make an order for the carrying of gas masks, they had no right to inflict pain and suffering on people who did not do so.

Councillor W. L. Knibbs seconded the amendment.

Alderman A. R. Woodhams said it was taking away the liberty of the individual by forcing them to go through such an ordeal.

Alderman A. E. Petley, vice-chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, also supported the amendment and commended the action of the Regional Authority in their handling of the question of the return of evacuated children.

Councillor W. Hawkins asked for a positive reason why the exercise should be held.

No Coercion.

Councillor J. Young, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said the burden of Councillor Harcourt Samuel's argument seemed to be that this committee was intending as a measure of coercion, and to dragoon people into doing something which they should not be forced to do. But on the other hand he suggested that an order should be made to compel them to do that very thing.

There was no suggestion at all that the gas should be released. He had never heard such views expressed before. The matter had been exhaustively considered in committee in consultation with the Chief Constable. The real object of the exercises was to familiarise the public with the gas masks, was one thing to have a tool to use and to be instructed how to use it, but it was sometimes much more difficult to make proper use of it when the occasion arose. Such an exercise, of which the people would have due warning, would teach people many things. They might find it a disadvantage to have their gas masks hidden under a pile of groceries. They might find it a disadvantage to use gas masks with cracked face-pieces. If they had not used their gas masks for six months and allowed the manner of dressing their hair they might find it a matter of some importance to them when action stations was sounded.

A Front-Line Town.

He thought, said Councillor Young, that Councillor Harcourt Samuel and the two aldermen who had spoken would have been the first to recognise that such an exercise was very necessary in Ramsgate. They took an almost snobbish delight in being in a front-line town. If Ramsgate was to be worthy of such glory as it achieved from being a front-line town it must be prepared to be a front-line town and if gas was used, for the people of Ramsgate to be prepared to meet it. There was no better method of being prepared than to have the conditions of action accurately represented.

The only difference would be that on a certain day when tear gas might be present they would be definitely forewarned. If people did not like it they could keep out of the area affected.

Councillor Young said he thought the members of the Council might be influenced by some of the remarks made by Councillor Harcourt Samuel concerning the Regional Authority. The Regional Authority had nothing to do with it, except that they had given permission for such exercises to be held, and had given them their blessing.

The amendment was defeated and the report adopted.

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ALL COUNCILLORS

TO HEAR ABOUT CIVIL DEFENCE

The whole of the members of Ramsgate Town Council are to learn the facts of the Civil Defence organisation.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee, presented at Thursday's meeting, stated that the chairman (Councillor A. R. Young) suggested that at a special meeting or meetings of the committee appropriate officers should address them upon the operational and administrative aspects of the Civil Defence organisation in the borough, in order to give members an opportunity of appreciating the organisation in broad outline.

The committee, stated the report, approved the chairman's suggestion and the meetings were to be arranged in the near future.

Councillor Dr. D. P. Crawford moved, as an amendment that the whole of the members of the Council should be invited to attend the meetings.

The reason he did so, said Dr. Crawford, was that the Civil Defence organisation had grown very complex and he, together with others, had had difficulty in finding out exactly who was responsible for what. In recent months there had been a growing feeling and discontent among the personnel and they did not know to whom to apply in order that their grievances could be investigated. They knew to whom they could state their case and it would greatly increase their morale. It would be a great help if the whole of the members of the Council could be given an outline of the Civil Defence organisation.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor W. Hawkins said recently there had been a number of new members on the Council and they would no doubt welcome the opportunity of learning something about the organisation. Some of them knew their particular part but they did not know the whole of it.

Councillor Young said he had not had the opportunity of consulting his committee but personally he welcomed the suggestion and he was glad the Council had taken an interest in matters of Civil Defence, which were so important at the present time.

The amendment was carried.

WOMAN LIBRARIAN'S SALARY

Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday referred back for consideration in committee a recommendation concerning the salary to be paid to the Temporary Acting Librarian, Miss Joyce Redman.

The report of the Library Committee stated that Miss Redman assumed the position when the Librarian (Mr. R. C. Darbey) was called up for military service. In view of the additional responsibility which would fall upon Miss Redman the committee felt she should be given an increase in her present salary of 2s. a week.

They recommended that Miss Redman's salary should be 30s. a week, and that during the time she carries out the duties of Temporary Acting Librarian she be granted an additional bonus of 5s. a week.

The Finance Committee stated that they had considered the Library Committee's recommendation and felt that the increase suggested by the committee was not sufficient having regard to the additional responsibilities of Miss Redman. They recommended that her salary be increased to £2 a week.

Moving the reference back to the Finance Committee's recommendation, Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel said he thought the committee might have consulted the Library Committee before passing a stricture on them and coming to a decision.

The amendment, which was seconded by Councillor J. B. Butler, was carried.

ANOTHER INCREASE

FOR COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

Employees of Ramsgate Corporation are receiving a further wage increase as a result of a decision by the Joint Industrial Council.

As from the first full working week in October, a war wage increase of 11s. instead of 8s. is being paid to male employees, and 7½ per cent. thereof to female employees. The increase is to be reckoned in calculating overtime.

IN ENEMY HANDS

It was announced by the enemy on Saturday that Fourth Officer Henry Spencer, of Sweyn-road, Clitonville, Margate, was a prisoner of war.

MARKING TIME

ARMY READY BUT BORED

The November issue of the East Cliff Scouts' News Letter, Ramsgate, contains numerous extracts from letters written by former members of the troop who are now on service in all parts of the world or who are prisoners of war.

An opinion generally held by all Ramsgate men who are prisoners of war, as expressed in letters written to Comdr. R. S. Howlett, who edits the News Letter, is the belief that "it won't be long now before we are home."

Among those on service at home, whether as war-workers or soldiers, Comdr. Hewlett detects more than a suggestion of staleness.

Commenting on this, he writes:

"Some of you who are in comparatively good billets may be contented to go on marking time, but there is no doubt that a large part of the Army—in fact, I feared, "the" Mr. —or Mrs. (or is it 'Miss' ?)—Censor, is merely a matter of common knowledge. And we know by the amazing broadcasts on the subject, from the equally amazing Ministry of Information, that we are indeed down to activity yet awhile—on our part, at any rate! The way we discuss our affairs over the air for all the world to hear must be very encouraging to the enemy, especially as they can believe what we say! Truly, we are indeed a strange people! Long may you and I continue alter matters—' Ours not to question why . . .' you know the rest—so we have just got to ' stick it ' and wait with as much patience as possible for the time when we shall start doing things! It may be any year now! Personally, I think we may count on 1942 as being ' Victory Year.' So wherever you are, whatever you are doing—be sure that this stagnation will pass. In the meantime, go on working—go on praying."

LORD NORTHBOURNE AND THE TRACTOR

EXPERT AGREES WITH COUNCIL

Following the recent decision of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee of Ramsgate Town Council to buy a tractor, Lord Northbourne, a key representative of the Kent War Agricultural Committee, expressed doubt as to the necessity for such a purchase.

As a result Mr. Clifford, a technical expert from the Agricultural Executive Committee, met the chairman of the Parks Committee (Alderman T. W. Mockridge) and the Superintendent Gardener (Mr. R. Clarke).

Mr. Clifford decided that a tractor was necessary and stated that if any difficulty was experienced in obtaining delivery he would endeavour to expedite matters on representations being made to him.

As soon as the ploughing at Jackey Baker's Recreation Ground and other places has been completed a representative of the Agricultural Committee will inspect with a view to confirming its eligibility for a ploughing grant of £3 an acre.

FUNERAL OF MR. W. HOLT

The funeral took place at St. Peter's on Monday of Mr. William Holt, who died at his home, Parkgate, Ferrmont-avenue, Broadstairs, last week, aged 76 years.

Mr. Holt came to Broadstairs from Battle in 1908 and entered into business as a wine and spirit merchant in Albion-street in partnership with his brother, Mr. A. J. Holt.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rector of Broadstairs (the Rev. C. H. Hallett), and the mourners included Mr. A. J. Holt (brother), Miss E. Holt and Mrs. West (nieces), Mrs. Webb, Miss Upton, Miss Forwalk and Mr. W. E. Lunbury.

EMPLOYEE'S SPINAL INJURY

Mr. James Flynn, an employee of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Department of Ramsgate Town Council, who obtained employment at Stafford, recently sustained an injury to his spine, but has now resumed his duties.

Having preserved his superannuation rights by continuing his contributions to the Council's Superannuation Fund, Mr. Flynn has enquired as to his re-employment by the Corporation after the termination of hostilities.

He has been informed that his position will remain open, subject to his ability to resume service, and that if this injury prevents him from resuming service he will be entitled to a superannuation allowance.

EMPLOYEES WITH THE FORCES

In making up the difference between the sergeants' pay and that of officers with the Forces, Broadstairs Council deduct 10s. a week in respect of the value of dependants' and ration allowances.

The Council were asked by the National Union of Public Employees not to make any such deduction in the case of married men but were not prepared to accede to the application.

MARGATE AIRMAN MISSING

Formerly of Kingscot, Laleham-road, Margate, Sergt.-Pilot Alan Hendy, R.A.F., has been reported missing from a recent daylight raid.

S/P Hendy joined the Royal Air Force in July of last year and gained his wings in December.

Hospital Flags.—By the sale of flags at Manston in aid of Ramsgate General Hospital 11s. 4d. was collected by Miss Doris Walters (Jolly Farmer) and 4s. 3d. by Mrs. H. W. Smith (Post Office).

OUR NEED IS GREATER NOW

You are grateful to our fighting men, and would like to thank them . . . usefully. Poppy Day is your opportunity Give generously for your poppies. Send a donation as well, if you can . . . and if you've time, sell poppies too The British Legion makes no distinctions. It helps ex-Service men of ALL ranks, ALL Services and ALL wars, their families, and the widows and children of the fallen.

Please send gifts and offers of help to your local Poppy Day Committee . . . or to HAIG'S FUND, CARDIGAN HOUSE. RICHMOND, SURREY.

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NEARLY HALF-WAY

RAMSGATE'S TANK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

With only four weeks gone, the half-way mark in Ramsgate's National Savings drive for £20,000 for a "Tank Before Christmas" has almost been reached.

At the end of the fourth week the total saved was £9,708.

Last week's savings amounted to £2,436, and were made up of £537 in National Savings Certificates, £783 in Defence Bonds and an increase of £1,104 in the Post Office Savings Bank.

ABOVE THE AVERAGE

HOSPITAL'S WAR-TIME FLAG DAY

In spite of war-time conditions the total of £87 9s. 5d. raised at Ramsgate by means of the flag day collection in aid of the General Hospital was well above the average of recent years.

Nurses from the Hospital collected an aggregate of £15 11s. 2d.; the A.R.P. Wardens, under the enthusiastic direction of Mr. A. T. Grundon, were responsible for the fine total of £19 7s., and some members of the A.R.P. Casualty Services brought in £4 13s. Calls of duty under the Fire Services' new dispensation prevented the A.F.S. from rallying round in their usual numbers, but 14s. 4d. was collected.

Individual results included:

Miss Andrewes, £1 2s. 6d.; Miss J. Andrewes, £1 2s. 6d.; Health Centre P.A. Post, £1 7s. 3d.; members of First-Aid Party, £1 1s. 11d.; Miss J. Britton, £1 1s. 6d.; Miss Gay, £1 17s. 11d.; Miss Cockburn, £1 5s. 8d.; Messrs. Dewhurst, 5s. 10d.; Miss Penn, £1 8s. 7d.; Mrs. Fiddyment, £1 5s. 4d.; Mrs. Flowerdew, £1 4s. 11d.; Miss Foster, £1 5s.; Messrs. Fox, 7s. 10d.; Miss Harper, 9s. 6d.; Mrs. Kevan, 12s. 10d.; Miss Le Gallais, £1 16s. 3d.; Mrs. Locke, £1 13s. 3d.; Miss Merrick, £1 4s. 10d.; Miss Mitchell, 9s. 9d.; Miss North, £1 8s. 7d.; Mrs. Perry, 4s. 1d.; Miss Privett, 16s. 5d.; Mrs. Shelton, 17s. 2d.; Mrs. Todd, £3 11s. 5d.; Mrs. Tarrett, £3 13s. 4d.; Mrs Ward, £1 12s. 9d.; Miss White, £1 3s. 7d.; Miss Wilson, 4s. 5d.

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LAUGHTER AND THRILLS

STARS AT THE KING'S

Two well-blended programmes are being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

To-day and to-morrow the bill is headed by the murder thriller "I Live Again," starring Bela Lugosi and Polly Ann Young. Wholesale murder has been sweeping the house of Charles Kessler, whose dual personality combines the conscientious care of a kindly philanthropist and the unconscious desires of an insane strangler. The Kessler lives include Peter's wife, victim of an accident, who at times breaks from her retreat and casts an hypnotic spell on her husband which forces him to murder.

Also being screened is the "Roar of the Press," with Wallace Ford and Jean Parker.

Wallace Beery, Lionel Barrymore and Lagaine Day are the stars of "Two-Gun Cupid," chief feature for the second part of the week. The story deals with a group of "tenderfeet" on a cattle ranch near the Mexican border. Their lives are tangled through love affairs and financial troubles, when the bandit arrives on plunder bent, recognises the leading man as one who saved his life, and sets out with a bandit's psychology to straighten out their lives. His methods, unethical but effective, provide hilarious situations.

"Flying Wild," another film of the popular East Side Kids, will also be shown.

MEXICO, IN RAMSGATE

By CAROLUS

The Cactus Collector

SOME people collect postage stamps, others foreign coins. Some collect butterflies, others birds' eggs. Mr. E. Mason, of Dominique, Southwood-road, Ramsgate, collects cacti. I, who collect nothing but winter colds and tradesmen's bills, am not enamoured of the cactus plant. But in spite of the exquisite patterns it forms, the cactus lacks softness and charm. It is prickly, independent and unsociable. There are varieties of it which flower only at night when most people are in bed or are at any rate too sleepy to appreciate its beauty. Nevertheless I can easily understand that the cultivation of cactus plants can become a fascinating and absorbing hobby. It has become so in the case of Mr. Mason, who possesses, tucked away in two long glasshouses in his back garden, something like a thousand different varieties of cactus, euphorbia and other rare plants. Among cactus "fans" Mr. Mason is recognised as a reliable authority and from all parts of the world they write to Ramsgate instead of to Mexico when they want to add a new specimen to their collection or replace one that has failed to stay the course. Although Mr. Mason is a wholesale leather merchant whose business, particularly in war-time, claims most of his attention, his collection of cacti is probably unique in England.

Years of Research

THE thousands of cactus plants, large and small, which Mr. Mason has induced to thrive under glass in Ramsgate represent years of tender care, patient research and continual experiment. Many have been grown from seed, others have been obtained as the lovingly handles a pot containing some perfectly formed specimen—and he knows them all by name. Miss Hayes, 9s. 9d.; Mrs. Harper, 9s. 6d.; Mrs. Kevan, 12s. 10d.; Miss Le Gallais, £1 16s. 3d.; Mrs. Locke, £1 13s. 3d.; Miss Merrick, £1 4s. 10d.; Miss Mitchell, 9s. 9d.; Miss North, £1 8s. 7d.; Mrs. Perry, 4s. 1d.; Miss Privett, 16s. 5d.; Mrs. Shelton, 17s. 2d.; Mrs. Todd, £3 11s. 5d.; Mrs. Tarrett, £3 13s. 4d.; Mrs Ward, £1 12s. 9d.; Miss White, £1 3s. 7d.; Miss Wilson, 4s. 5d.

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Under Glass in War-Time

TO anyone at all interested in tropical plants or indeed to anyone who would escape for an hour or two from the war, Mr. Mason is always ready and willing to show his unique collection. Unfortunately, as he has no glass houses left which can be no longer able to spend so many hours of the night in his greenhouses. He misses, too, the assistance of his son, possessor of a fine aquarium, who is now flying after fish of bigger fry and plants of a more poisonous and malignant growth. But so far, Mr. Mason, in spite of the war, has contrived to keep his greenhouses full of rare plants although there is no need to scratch his back—that can safely be left to the cacti—I hope he will have the satisfaction of keeping them intact until glass becomes less vulnerable. For my part I intend to do my best by the potted specimen of echinopsis tubiflora with which I was presented as a parting gift.

TRIANGULAR SHOOT

NAVY BEAT POLICE AND HOME GUARD

A triangular shooting match between the Royal Navy, the Police and Minster Home Guard took place at Ullscoss-road Drill Hall, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

The Navy were again well on the target and proved winners by a substantial margin. They scored 124 points as against 95, the Police and 177 by the Home Guard.

The individual scores were:

Royal Navy—P/O Greene 27, L/S Foad 29, A/S Shadbolt 30, A/S Darran 35, Mr. Bowden 28, C/P/O Gray 35, A/S Harmer 26, A/S Cornwell 30.

Police—P/C Shanahan 33, D/C Oram 27, A/S Jenner 16, S/P/C Fern 12, S/P/C Page 25, W/S Lademan 27, P/S Watt 25, P/C Housden 32.

Home Guard—Lieut. Page 24, Capt. Pearce 30, Pte. L. Montgomery 32, Pte. S. M. Montgomery 33, Corpl. R. T. Milham 32, Pte. R. C. Milham 30, Pte. A. Stubbings 17, Pte., R. Stubbings 32.

RAMSGATE TROOPERS AT MARGATE

A large Margate audience gave the glad hand to the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers when they staged a concert at the Royal School on Wednesday.

Although admission was free, a collection in aid of the Mayor of Margate's Welfare Fund realised £6.

The party, headed by the Mayor of Ramsgate, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, was welcomed by the Mayor of Margate, Alderman G. P. Hoare.

25 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

Looking back over the past season there is every reason to congratulate the Entertainments Committee upon the policy adopted to cater for the amusement of visitors during the third summer in which war conditions have prevailed at Broadstairs. The Committee have not only avoided the pitfalls which beset amusement enterprise at the seaside in war-time, but have, while giving the visitors a full and excellent programme of entertainments, succeeded in wiping off a debt of nearly £130 with which the season began.

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In the Prize Court on Monday Sir Samuel Evans awarded Commander Max Kennedy Horton, of Minster, and the crew of the British submarine E8, prize bounty to the amount of £912, in respect of the sinking of two German torpedo boat destroyers, with their crews, in the Baltic.

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In the terrific gale of the past few days—one of the most sudden and extraordinary storms of the past few years—two Ramsgate fishermen lost their lives. One of the victims, Mate Stupples, who was serving on board the Brixham vessel Compatible, was hurled over the port rail into the raging sea, and was never seen again. The second local victim was Stephen Harlow, aged 26 years, who was washed overboard from the Ramsgate smack Brilliant, and drowned off Plymouth.

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Pte. A. V. Mynheer, Royal West Kent Regiment, one of the three Ramsgate men captured by the Turks upon the surrender of the garrison at Kut, is among the exchanged prisoners now and is now in India. Pte. Mynheer was wounded during the siege, and this probably accounts for his good fortune in being released, as his comrades, Sergt. Albert Stedman and Pte. Albert Golly, are still in enemy hands.

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Colonel Lord Harris, who inspected several companies of the Volunteers in East Kent on Sunday, stated that at a meeting of Commanding Officers from all over Kent they expressed a unanimous opinion that the Government ought to make service with the Volunteers up to the age of 50 compulsory.

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Councillor C. G. Price intends to tender his resignation as a member of Ramsgate Town Council at the annual meeting of that body on Mayor's Day. Early this year he was appointed general manager of the Hippodrome, Torquay, a municipal undertaking of the South Coast borough. He has now been asked to continue his work there, and his compliance necessitates his severance with municipal work at Ramsgate. He will be remembered as the general manager of the Victoria Pavilion, Ramsgate, for several years.

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The sum of 904 shillings has been collected at Broadstairs for the provision of Christmas comforts for local men at the Front.

50 YEARS AGO
(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

OBSTRUCTIONISTS OVERCOME

"How are the mighty fallen" will be the exclamation on many lips when they scan the columns of our present issue. The mere sequence of events this week will suggest the reflection of the Almighty on the Council in reference to the New Road, the opening of Arklow Gardens, and other matters, more than aught else has done, they look. Nor is the extent of the crushing defeat at the Council meeting last week over the New Road contract the handful of obstructionists and their pupil associates turned up smiling at the Improvement Association meeting on Monday, but after the severe drubbing administered by Dr. Banks, they retired completely crestfallen. Reverse has followed reverse in quick succession. At the Council meeting on Thursday Watkins and Co. again made an attempt to brazen out their discomfiture on a local issue, they but the leader, most unluckily for himself and his party, overstepped the bounds of Parliamentary debate, and found himself face to face with an action for libel by Mr. Valon, the able engineer of the New Road. Though defiant for the moment Mr. Watkins subsequently apologised. The only remaining straw which the opposition could clutch at like drowning men was the telegram received on Friday to the effect that the injunction asked for by the plaintiffs in the Allow Gardens case had been refused by Mr. Justice North.

THIS ENGLAND

Work! In these days thousands seek for it, and despair because it may not be found. The ragged unemployed man, slouching along with hands thrust deep in his pockets, almost forgets how hungry he is when the chance of a job presents itself to him. Then there are men and women of a very different class: professing Christians who also want work. They do not ask for it in so many words, but the inarticulate cry of their hearts is "Give us something really worth doing; something more satisfying than this round of busy idleness. These perpetual afternoon calls and social gatherings, this aimless, useless existence."

A YEAR AGO

The destruction of three Messerschmitts in a running fight which began over Ramsgate was announced.

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A number of persons experienced remarkable escapes when a German raider, attacked by British planes, dropped bombs on a south-east coast town. Mr. Samuel Filer, who is 70 years of age, escaped almost unhurt from a house which was completely demolished. At a house on the opposite side of the road Mrs. Anderson and Miss Butcher were about to sit down to tea. They made for the Anderson shelter in the garden and had just got inside when the bomb exploded, causing great damage to their home.

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When three German raiders machine-gunned a south-east coast town bullets and cannon-gun shells fell in the streets and on the roofs of houses. Some also fell on the roof of the Town Hall, where a police court was being held. A bomb which fell in a roadway badly damaged houses belonging to the borough surveyor and an evacuated school teacher.

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Mr. Cyril Bax, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, and Mr. Arthur John Shepherd, of Birchington, were mentioned in the Honours List for their work in restoring communications after an aerodrome had been severely bombed in August.

HEADMASTER BOUND OVER

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AFTER STEALING BEEHIVES

CASE THAT STARTLED WHOLE TOWN

Headmaster of St. George's Boys' Central School, Ramsgate, since September, 1936, John Sydney Houlton, aged 50 years, of Rickerscote-road, Stafford, pleaded guilty at Stafford county police court on Tuesday to three charges of stealing beehives and to a further charge of attempting to commit suicide.

Mr. Houlton, who was headmaster at St. Luke's Church Central School for Boys, Kingston, before he succeeded Mr. E. F. G. Chapman as headmaster at St. George's, was stated to have been excessively worried over the decline in the number of pupils since the school had been evacuated to Stafford.

The evidence revealed that defendant, who made a detailed statement to the police when interviewed regarding the theft of the beehives, was found lying on the floor of his room at the school suffering from gas poisoning after he had been on fire-watching duty on the night of 17th October.

Bound over for two years in a surety of £50, defendant was ordered to pay £7 11s. costs.

The Theft Charges.

The theft charges to which Mr. Houlton pleaded guilty were: Having, between 15th May and 9th October, stolen one beehive with bees, value £5, and one beehive without bees and one straw skip, value £4, the property of Ernest William Barker; having, between 30th August and 8th September, stolen one beehive and bees, value £2, the property of John William Peach; and having, between 6th and 29th September, stolen one beehive and bees, value £7, the property of Thomas Geoffrey Bradley.

Through his counsel, Mr. P. W. T. Butters, Mr. Houlton elected to be tried summarily.

After evidence had been given of the theft of the beehives and bees from fields in villages near Stafford, Evelyn Alice Doughty, of Hyde Lea Bank, said that in the middle of September she purchased from Mr. Houlton a full brood chamber of bees, and paid him £2 4s. 9d. for them. A couple of weeks before the purchase defendant had told her he had been for sale.

Evidence of inquiries he made into the thefts was given by P/S Simmonds, who said that after he had found hives answering to the description of those stolen in Houlton's garden, he saw defendant at St. Mary's Schools, Ramsgate. The school was in occupation. Asked if he cared to give an explanation how the hives came to be in his possession, Houlton said "I would tell you, but you must not, but it would incriminate someone else."

Defendant's Statement.

After further conversation Houlton said "Well, what is the position? Cannot I pay for them? I have taken them. I suppose I've been elected to make a statement. In it he said:

"I have kept bees for the past two or three years, and since I have been at Stafford I had hives sent to my premises from Ramsgate and Lincolnshire. At the commencement I had a letter to obtain further hives, but I found this was very difficult. About June, 1941, I went to Haughton, near Stafford, and I saw some old hives, which belonged to a Mr. Barker. I tried to interview Mr. Barker on two or three occasions with a view to purchasing the hives. I was unable to contact Mr. Barker, and I took one of the hives away in my car.

"About 30th September, 1941, I again visited Mr. Barker's premises and took away in my car the top portion of another hive.

"About the beginning of September, 1941. I also went to the Dingle, Camp-road, Brocton, and removed a small hive, the property of a Mr. Peach.

"On or about 19th September, 1941, I went in my car to Springhalelane, Broadhurst Green-road, and I took a National beehive from a field adjoining Cannock Chase.

Only a Hobby.

"All the stolen hives are at my premises, one being in use in my garden. The stolen hive from Haughton I fully intended to purchase from Mr. Barker. The hives I stole from Cannock Chase and Brocton I cannot explain why I took them. I only keep bees for a hobby. I should like to make full restitution for the stolen hives, and I am very sorry for any trouble and inconvenience I have caused through my foolish action."

When charged, Houlton said "I will pay for them, and any other expenses."

In answer to Mr. Butters, witness said that full restitution had been made for the stolen property, with the exception of one transaction, in which he understood there was some rail difficulty.

At this stage, Houlton was charged with having attempted to commit suicide, and pleaded guilty.

Robert Forshaw, verger and caretaker at St. Mary's School House, Stafford, said that when he left Mr. Houlton on the night of Friday, 17th October, everything in the headmaster's room was in perfect order, and defendant seemed quite normal.

In Gas-Filled Room.

When he went into the room at 8.10 the following morning, he found Houlton lying on the floor with his head on a pillow and blankets underneath and over his body. An oil stove had been pushed over to one side, and the box on which a gas ring usually rested had been moved. The gas ring had been disconnected. The gas tap was turned fully on, and the room was full of gas. There was a dim light from an electric reading lamp.

Witness went to call Mr. White, and they at once removed Mr. Houlton into the classroom. He was breathing and half snoring and half groaning. Mr. White telephoned for the police, and in a few moments an officer arrived. He was followed shortly afterwards by Dr. Blumer and an ambulance, and Houlton was removed to Stafford Infirmary. There was a bed in the room for persons fire-watching, and a pillow and blankets had been taken from it. That night Houlton had been on duty as a fire-watcher.

Assistant's Amazement.

Called for the prosecution, Frank James White, assistant master at St. George's School, said he had worked under Mr. Houlton for five years.

Mr. Butters: Would it be correct if I described him as a man of exemplary character?—Quite.

What was your reaction when you heard of these charges against him?—I was amazed.

You were with him at Ramsgate and at Stafford. Did you notice from your observation whether the evacuation and subsequent upheaval in the school had any effect on him?—I should think it did. He appeared harassed and worried.

This caused the case for the prosecution.

Stanley V West, Secretary to Ramsgate Education Committee, said that Houlton was appointed headmaster of St. George's School, Ramsgate, in September, 1936.

Mr. Butters: On his appointment, would his record be looked into very carefully?—Very carefully.

Was it found to be perfectly satisfactory?—Quite satisfactory.

Was the education authority perfectly satisfied with him as headmaster?—Quite satisfied. Witness agreed with Mr. Butters that Mr. Houlton was a man of most exemplary character.

Mr. Butters: When at Ramsgate, did you decide that he was the type of man who worried over trifles, or unnecessarily?—He worried over trifles, certainly.

He was very jealous of the reputation and good name of the school?—Very much so.

Worried Enormously.

Mr. F. A. Hughes, Director of Education for Staffordshire, said that Mr. Houlton was very troubled by the evacuation for administrative purposes, and he had known him since he came to Stafford and his school.

Mr. Butters: Can you tell us if you observed whether the evacuation from his home town had any effect on Mr. Houlton?—Yes, I think it had its can. When the evacuation took place, Mr. West spoke to me about the difficulties that were arising, and mentioned that he thought Mr. Houlton was a person who worried about matters, and he would like me to know that fact. I had no opportunity to put out any question that Mr. Houlton more than anything else has been worried enormously troubled by the evacuation difficulties that have arisen since he came to Stafford. I think the amount of worry he has had has been enormously great. From the very first day he arrived I got the impression that the reputation of the school mattered more to him than anything else. The inevitable decline in the school while at Stafford worried him enormously.

Teaching Certificate Jeopardised.

Am I right in saying this: If the bench this morning decides to inflict a term of imprisonment or a fine, will it result inevitably in his teacher's certificate being taken away?—That will be the certain result. It is my bounden duty to report the facts to the Board of Education, and they would almost certainly withdraw his certificate.

The Clerk (Mr. W. W. M. Morgan): What effect would it have on his pension?

Mr. Hughes: It is at the discretion of the Board to withdraw it, and they withdraw pension rights altogether or modify them. It would be extremely likely that the pension rights would be withdrawn, unless it was clear that the matter had been due to mental disturbance and not criminal intent.

Mr. Butters: If the bench took a sympathetic view of the case and treated defendant as a first offender, what result would that have?—That would be entirely different. I should not have to report the facts to the Board, and the further question would not arise.

Vicar's Evidence.

The Rev. Charles Roy Farnsworth, of St. George's Vicarage, Grove-road, Ramsgate, said he had known Mr. Houlton since September, 1938. "The whole town of Ramsgate has been really startled about anything of this kind should happen to one who has always been held in the utmost respect," he observed. He spoke of an instance of a boy at St. George's School getting into trouble, and the care and pains Mr. Houlton took to bring him to a proper way of thinking. Defendant, he said, worried tremendously over details. The school and its welfare meant everything to him.

When witness visited Stafford in July last he noticed a tremendous difference in Houlton. That gentleman's sole topic of conversation for three-quarters of the day was his school, and the fact of the numbers going down owing to the parents' persistence in taking the children back to Ramsgate. About half-way through the afternoon witness got rather bored with the topic of the school, and he found that Houlton was interested in bees. He was so enthusiastic about this pursuit that he almost persuaded witness to commence bee-keeping himself! Houlton talked bees all the evening.

Mr. Farnsworth said his opinion was that Houlton was suffering under the greatest mental strain. The school had a very fine record in Ramsgate, and he was tremendously worried about its decline in numbers. "I take the view that Mr. Houlton's whole breakdown was due entirely to the strain he was under," he added.

Not in Normal State.

Addressing the bench, Mr. Butters said this was one of the saddest cases that it had to deal with. If the bench decided to take a lenient view it would at least enable Mr. Houlton to resume his professional activities. "I cannot put that forward alone as a reason for your exercising leniency," he said. "I am going to say that at the time the offences were committed Mr. Houlton was in such a mental state—overwrought with worry—that he was not in his normal state."

Mr. Butters pointed out that the thefts were quite inexplicable. Mr. Houlton had an unblemished record of scholastic service of 24 years. He served with distinction in the last war and attained the rank of captain. As headmaster of St. George's School he was in receipt of a substantial salary, and he had no financial difficulties at all. The series of thefts were fantastic and he submitted that they could only be explained by the mental stress under which Mr. Houlton had been passing following the difficulties inseparable from the evacuating of his school from Ramsgate. He became mentally unbalanced and was more worthy of pity than censure.

Up to the time the school was evacuated from Ramsgate, he pointed out, it was running smoothly and successfully, and there was an annual intake of about 80 boys. Even in those days, however, Mr. Houlton was a bit of a worrier. Since the school had been evacuated the number of pupils had been steadily declining every term, and the teaching staff had been cut from 12 to five. At Ramsgate the school had modern, up-to-date buildings, and now it was housed in what was generally admitted to be the worst school premises in the town—they were, in fact, condemned before the war, and were now only used as an emergency measure. No doubt these worries had seriously preyed on Mr. Houlton's mind until, when these offences were committed, he was not in a normal state of mind.

The Chairman, Mr. J. J. Henn, said they had considered the case very carefully, and came to the conclusion that at the time Mr. Houlton committed the offences he was suffering from stress and strain, under which he had been placed due to circumstances over which he had no control. They had decided to place him on probation for a period of two years in a surety of £50, and in making this decision they had borne in mind his exemplary character.

With regard to the charge of attempted suicide, they had decided that he should be bound over for two years, the periods to run concurrently. He would also have to pay £7 11s. costs.

FRIDAY IS AN UNLUCKY DAY—WITHOUT THE FRIDAY 'THANET'

The Story of "Mac"

by Commander Anthony Kimmins, R.N.

He was one of that great band of Scottish fishermen who are doing such valuable duty in the small ships of the Navy — the minesweepers, anti-submarine trawlers and similar craft.

As he stood on lookout on the wing of the bridge he told me his story, a brave story simply told.

It was in these waters that "Mac," as he was called by his shipmates, had endured an ordeal which had resulted in his joining the Navy.

In the first winter of the war he had been out with the fishing fleet from a Scottish port. The defenceless little ships on their usual peace-time job were surprised by a squadron of Nazi aircraft.

Down over the helpless men they swooped, attacking both with bombs and machine guns. Boat after boat in that little fleet was ruthlessly sunk.

"Went doon like a pirie," he said, and then noticing my puzzled Sassenach expression, explained, "Doon like a stane."

"Mac" was among those fishermen struggling in the water. Hour after hour he kept afloat, the numbing cold creeping steadily upwards his heart. He was almost unconscious when at last he was rescued.

Then he had only one thought in his mind—*to fight back.* As soon as he was fit he went to the nearest Naval recruiting office.

So here he was now on lookout aboard an anti-submarine trawler, living for the moment when, behind a gun, he could fight back at the first Nazi aircraft to come within his sights. —A.K.

FIGHT BACK! That is the job for all of us. And here is how you can help. Spend less and save more. Make the measure of your Saving worthy of the sacrifice which these men are making for you every day. The message is clear—the Signal is SAVE!

THE SIGNAL IS SAVE

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE NAVY. *Go to a Post Office or your Bank or Stockbroker and put your money into 3% Savings Bonds 1955-65, 2½% National War Bonds 1949-51, or 3% Defence Bonds; or buy Savings Certificates; or deposit your savings in the Post Office or Trustee Savings Banks.*

—Issued by the National Savings Committee, London.

A MEMORIAL GARDEN

ST. PETER'S ALMSHOUSE PLAN

A proposal to lay out a garden in front of Nuckell's Almshouses to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Raven is announced in the November issue of "St. Peter's War-Time News Sheet."

Outlining the proposal Mr. F. E. C. Kendrick, parish treasurer, writes:

"Our village almshouse cannot vie with some of the delightful old, and often rich, foundations which are to be found in many parts of the country, nevertheless it has eased and brightened the latter years of many old people for more than a century past, and the building, in the centre of the village, has some claim to architectural merit. The Trust Funds are meagre, and have been seriously depleted for several years owing to demands made upon them some years since for structural work insisted upon by the sanitary authority. When present troubles are over, the building will need considerable renovation, for which, I hope, funds will be available.

"The garden in front of the building, however, has been much neglected for many years because the funds have been insufficient to meet the cost of maintenance. I need not remind you that the almshouse had a very warm place in the affections of the late Mrs. Raven, although few can be fully cognisant of the amount of time and the devoted service that for many years she lavished upon those resident there. May I suggest to you how appropriate it would be if we could, when the building has been renovated, lay out a Margaret Raven Memorial Garden in front of it. At no great cost this little patch, with the building in the background, could be made worthy of the village and of the great soul who has served it so devotedly for so many years. Although the work must be postponed it should be happy to receive contributions, however modest, from friends who may favour such a proposal. All amounts received will be placed to the credit of the Almshouse Funds until such time as the work can be put in hand."

GOING TO CHATHAM

WATER ENGINEER'S NEW POST

Acting commanding officer of the Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C. until a few weeks ago, Mr. F. E. Crisp, water engineer to Margate Corporation, has been appointed secretary and manager of the Chatham Water Companies.

Prior to coming to Margate in 1938 Mr. Crisp served with the Mid., East Kent and South West Companies and previously held an important position with the Colne Valley Water Company, which supplies a population of over 300,000 people in the north-west suburbs of London.

Mr. Crisp took his B.A. degree in engineering at Cambridge University. He is a member of the Institution of Water Engineers, a fellow of the Geological Society, a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers and a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

During the last war Mr. Crisp was gazetted from the Norfolk Regiment to the Royal Flying Corps. He was shot down in France in 1917 and was taken prisoner by the Germans.

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LINKS IN A MIGHTY ARMY

In a message to Civil Defence personnel the Rt. Hon. Lord Monsell, South Eastern Regional Commissioner, addressing a parade at Worthing, said a great many of them might find their jobs rather dull but they were all links in a mighty army.

"History," he said, "has told us of great armies that have marched through Europe and throughout the world. History has told us how those armies have altered the physical face of the world. Your army of civil defence has done nothing more than that. It has had a great spiritual effect on the world.

"A little over a year ago a lot of people in the world thought our country was down and out. It is chiefly owing to the men and women of the Defence Forces, with their indomitable courage, pluck and will, that we have proved to the world that those people were wrong, and that we are bound to be victorious in the long run. By your acts in this country you have re-kindled the faith, hope and trust of millions throughout the world who, instead of giving up in despair, are now preparing and hoping for the day when they will be able to add a nail to the coffin of the Hun. Besides that, it is your work throughout the raids last year that chiefly influenced America to give us the great help she is giving us to-day. The deep thanks of the whole country are due to you for this."

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Thanks.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. G. Langley wish to thank all their friends for their good wishes on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

Netball for W.R.N.S.—The W.R.N.S. Social Club have been in communication to use the netball pitch at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, during the winter months.

Things We are Wanting to Buy—Old Gold, Silver and Silver Plated goods, Field Glasses and Jewellery, and we offer good prices. Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Library Hours.—During November, December and January the reading room and lending department of the Public Library are to close at 6 p.m.

Telephone Operator's Salary.—The salary of Miss M. Davies, telephone operator at Ramsgate Municipal Offices, has been increased from £1 12s. 6d. to £2 5s. a week.

Routine Fire Inspections.—All the routine fire inspection duties hitherto carried out by Ramsgate Fire Brigade—the inspection of theatres and cinemas and fire prevention generally—will now be continued by the National Fire Service.

Vegetable Cultivation.—The Allotments Standing Sub-Committee of Ramsgate Town Council are arranging at the Public Library, Ramsgate, exhibition a series of enlarged photographs showing vegetable cultivation in all its stages.

Examination Fees.—Ramsgate Education Committee have decided that a sum, not exceeding £1, should be paid towards the examination fees of pupils of St. George's Boys' School entered for the London Chamber of Commerce Examinations, whose parents are unable to afford the full fees.

Traders' Salvage Scheme.—The Assistant Regional Salvage Officer and the Area Distribution Officer of the Board of Trade will address a public meeting to be held at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Thursday afternoon in connection with the local traders' emergency salvage scheme organised by the Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce. All traders are invited to attend.

Council's Sympathy.—The Welch Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have expressed their sympathy with Mrs. Craddock on the death of her husband F/C Craddock, M.M., while serving with the Army in the Middle East. The appropriate officers of the Corporation will report in due course on the question of a pension or gratuity to the widow.

DEATH OF MR. G. PAINE

POLICE INSPECTOR WHO BECAME COUNCILLOR

A member of Ramsgate Borough Police Force from 1888 to 1918, ex-Chief Inspector George Frank Paine, died at the home of his daughter at Dover, on Friday.

Mr. Paine, who was 74 years of age, was appointed detective-sergeant towards the close of last century and was promoted chief-inspector shortly before the outbreak of the war.

He had been commended on numerous occasions.

When he left the Ramsgate Force he took charge of the police at Richborough for some time.

Mr. Paine took a keen interest in local affairs following his retirement. He was a regular attendant at meetings of both the old Isle of Thanet Parliamentary Debating Society and the Sunday Conference and he was one of the prime movers in the early years of the Ratepayers' Association. For some time he was chairman of the Association.

When Ramsgate Town Council was increased in size in 1935 Mr. Paine was elected as a representative of the Southwood Ward and he soon made his presence felt in the Council Chamber at Albion House. He never hesitated to express what he felt.

Ill-health forced Mr. Paine to retire from the Council before his term of office expired and he had not been well since.

LOSS INCREASED

PIERREMONT RESTAURANT ECONOMIES

Although 3,785 meals for adults, 336 for children, and 1,329 teas were served at Pierremont Restaurant, Broadstairs, during four weeks in September, a deficit of £7 16s. 10d. was increased to £30 16s. 10d.

After consulting with the cook-supervisor regarding the additional loss of £23 during the month, the British Restaurant Committee of the Council decided

to give two members of the kitchen staff a week's notice,

to authorise Councillors B. Humphrey and H. Noble to make arrangements for the purchase and the supplies of potatoes and other vegetables,

to ask the Kent Education Committee to accept 5s. a week less in respect of the services rendered by the school caretaker.

The committee adhered to their decision to defer until December consideration of the application of the assistant cook-supervisor for an increase of wages, and thanked Mr. E. A. Anderson for the loan of 75 knives for use at the restaurant.

WINTER SHOP HOURS

"Quite late enough" was the general verdict when it was reported to the committee of Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday that the winter hours of shop closing would come into operation this week.

Except in towns where application is made for later closing, all shops subject to the Shops Hours Act of 1936, including barbers and hairdressers, must be closed by 6 p.m. (7.30 Saturday).

Confectioners and newsagents can carry on business until 8 p.m. (9 Saturdays) and tobacconists can remain open until 9.30 p.m. any day of the week.

MARGATE

Ungrateful Parents.—"It is very ungrateful when the committee are trying to do their best for their children," said the chairman, Councillor Mrs. Redman, reporting at a meeting of Margate Education Committee on Friday, that some parents whose children had been supplied with spectacles had not even replied to letters asking whether they could contribute towards the cost.

BUFFS CASUALTIES

A War Office casualty list reports the deaths of L/Corpl. C. W. Norris and Pte. F. W. John and J. J. Lewis, of The Buffs.

Pte. T. W. Cresswell is reported to have died of wounds and Pte. W. G. McCracken, previously reported a prisoner of war, is now reported to have died while a prisoner of war.

BROADSTAIRS

In Case of Snow.—A snow-plough is being made for Broadstairs Council by a St. Peter's firm at a cost of £17 5s. 6d.

Staffing.—Councillor O. Robinson has been appointed a member of the Staffing sub-committee of Broadstairs Council.

Valuation.—Last week the Rating and Valuation Committee of Broadstairs Council considered 87 more applications for the amendment of the valuation list.

Official Indisposed.—Mr. F. S. Burrow, Sanitary Inspector to Broadstairs Council, who has been indisposed for some time, hopes soon to resume his official duties.

A Temporary Home.—Broadstairs Council have agreed to continue the tenancy of temporary office accommodation for another year at a rent of £85 plus rates and taxes.

Evacuated Children at Christmas.—The amount expended at Christmas by the Kent Education Committee upon children evacuated from the district is to be refunded by Broadstairs Council.

Building Assistant.—From eight applicants, Broadstairs Council have appointed Mr. L. W. Bostelthorp, of Gravesend, to the post of temporary building assistant at a salary of £5 a week.

Reduced Interest.—Broadstairs Council Treasurer, Mr. Griffiths, has secured a reduction from 5 to 3½ per cent. in the interest payable on the outstanding balance of another mortgage.

New Councillor Welcomed.—Councillor O. Robinson, newly appointed member of Broadstairs Council, was welcomed by the chairman (Councillor R. J. Pearson) when he addressed the public meeting of the Council on Monday.

An Englishman's Castle.—It was reported to Broadstairs Council on Monday that action taken by the Council's officials had enabled a resident to obtain access to his house in Waldron road.

Reading Street Play.—Members of the Young People's Fellowship of St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, are rehearsing a play which is to be produced at the St. Andrew's Day social on 1st December.

To Dig at Work.—The service of F. G. Whitehead, an engine driver at Rumfields, Waterworks, who will reach the age limit of 65 on 7th November, is to be extended by Broadstairs Council for 12 months.

Free-Will Offerings.—The free-will offerings at St. Peter's Church for the half year ended 30th September amounted to £99 5s. 4d., of which £25 13s. 7d. was devoted to the work of the Church at home and £23 11s. 9d. to the Church abroad.

Mr. H. T. Mitchell Bereaved.—The funeral took place at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday of Mrs. Catharine Senior Mitchell, wife of Mr. H. T. Mitchell, of Castle-gardens and 39 Stone-road, Broadstairs, who died at 92 Kings-road, Broadstairs, on Monday.

Healthy.—Dr. A. M. Watts, Medical Officer of Health, has reported to Broadstairs Council that the births in the quarter ended 30th June there were very few cases of notifiable infectious disease and that the health of the district may be considered to have been satisfactory.

Population Figures.—During the quarter ended 30th June 15 people, six of whom were over 70 years of age, died at Broadstairs, and the births were registered of four boys and four girls. At an average population of 24,000 the annual birth rate was 8 per 1,000 and the death rate 15.

Pensions.—Broadstairs Council have supported resolutions passed by Edmonton Council advocating full old age pensions for persons at sixty years of age a year, with a graduated scale for persons receiving up to £78 a year, and the grant of adequate pensions for all war disabled persons.

Inn Attractions.—A paper on "Public House Attractions" was read by Mr. Ware, Chief Templar, at a meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at Broadstairs, on Tuesday evening, presided by a discussion. Those taking part included Mrs. R. A. Watt, Mrs. Isaacs, Miss Pottle, Mrs. L. A. Ware, Mr. T. E. McCabe and Mr. A. B. Impett.

Musical Treat.—A large audience at the Pavilion, Garden-of-the-Sea, Broadstairs, on Monday, enjoyed a programme of music presented by the band of a famous regiment, under the leadership of Regimental Sergt.-Major Bailey. Both vocal and instrumental items were played and the male voice choir added a touch of humour to the proceedings.

Clerical Salaries.—Following the resignation of Miss M. A. Gibson, Miss P. M. Pearson has been appointed shorthand typist in the Clerk's department of Broadstairs Council, at a salary of £104 a year. The salary of Miss E. M. Stafford, shorthand typist in the Rates department, has been increased from £1 15s. to £2 a week, that of P. N. Fayn, junior clerk in the Clerk's department, from £1 to £1 3s. a week, and that of Mr. S. W. Ryles, temporary clerk in the Treasurer's department, from £2 to £3 10s. a week. Subject to the approval of the Regional Commissioner, the salary of Mr. W. J. Gray, A.R.P. clerk in the Treasurer's department has also been increased from £2 to £3 10s.

MINSTER.

The Next Rate.—Eastry Rural District Council have fixed the rate for the half-year ending 31st March next at 8s. in the £, with an additional 7d. for special purposes at Minster.

Finance and Food.—Councillor W. Loveday, of Minster, has been elected chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of Eastry Rural District Council and Mr. R. White has been appointed a member of the local Food Control Committee in place of Mr. D. Jezard, resigned.

Ex-Teacher's Death.—The funeral took place at Canterbury on Friday last of Mrs. Minnie Hodge, better known at Minster as Miss Hamblin, who before her marriage was an assistant teacher at Minster Infants' School. Those present at the funeral included Miss Madge, headmistress, and former pupils.

Shelter Survey.—A survey made in Seddon-road, Minster, revealed that Morrison table-shelters are installed in five houses, and Anderson shelters in three others. Four conclusions were decided whether to have a Morrison shelter, three were each to have one and one had left the district. As a result of the survey Eastry Rural District Council have decided that a Morrison shelter in the road is redundant and need not be reinforced.

Full Time Doctor Wanted.—Representations made by Minster for full-time education facilities have been referred by the Elementary Education sub-committee of the Kent Education Committee. In the meantime the local authority have been informed by the Ministry of Health and the Regional Commissioner that they should avoid at the time being order the re-evacuation of children who have returned home since the reception areas since the date of compulsory registration.

Plaga Help Hospital.—Organised by Major Howard Flag (the lady) and Minster and Cliffs End in aid of Ramsgate General Hospital realised £16 19s. 6d. The individual collectors were: Mrs. Fright, £1 9s. 9d.; Miss M. Yousden, £1 12s. 3d.; Mrs. Card, £1 19s. 6d.; Miss S. Setterfield, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. F. Howard, £1 3s. 9d.; Miss M. Major, £1 3s. 9d.; Mrs. L. Lomas, £1 7s. 3½d.; Mrs. F. Worley, 17s.; Depot, 15s. 4½d. At Monkton, where the sale was organised by Mrs. J. Smith, the collection realised £3 15s. 6d.

On Sunday, 9th November, at 8.45 p.m. Gen. Wavell will broadcast from India an appeal for the British Legion Poppy Fund.

TO TALK AT RAMSGATE

JOHN HILTON'S VISIT

A Lancashire lad who began to work at the age of 14 as a mill mechanic and became manager of the engineering shops, John Hilton, the popular broadcaster, will visit Ramsgate on Sunday, 16th November, to address an afternoon meeting at the Odeon Theatre.

After a brilliant career in health, Mr. Hilton went to live with a married sister in Russia where he studied Russia and learned Russian.

On his return he became a lecturer and technical journalist and in 1919 was appointed Director of Intelligence and Statistics at the Ministry of Labour where he was responsible for many of the official facts and figures concerning wages, hours, labour disputes, unemployment, and cost of living. As much he gained an international reputation, travelling over a great part of the world, and presided over important conferences at the International Labour Office, Geneva.

After 12 years at the Ministry of Labour he became Professor of Industrial Relations at the University of Cambridge, the Chair of which he continues to occupy.

Since the '30s he was asked to broadcast and quickly became one of Britain's best-loved broadcasters. His talks on "This and That" and "This, Way Out" are remembered by many.

Nowadays he talks weekly to the Forces (every Tuesday at 1.45) under the title "John Hilton Talking." His postbag is enormous, but every letter he receives gets its answer.

John Hilton is deeply interested in the lives of ordinary people. His knowledge and his sympathies are wide; and he is ready for dealing with complicated matters in a plain and happy way. He speaks his mind without fear and favour in his work. It has been said: "When he makes you laugh, look out; for it's then he's getting at you most."

100 PER CENTERS

RAMSGATE'S REGULAR COUNCILLORS

There are some regular visitors on Ramsgate Town Council.

For instance, there is Alderman A. E. Pethley, chairman of the Watch Committee, who was entitled during the past year to attend 125 meetings. The number he actually attended was 125.

Another 100 per center is Alderman C. R. Woodhams, chairman of the Works Committee, who was present at all 115 meetings he was eligible to attend.

Councillor P. Turner has made a good start, having attended the first four meetings for which he was eligible —again 100 per cent.

Other high percentages were registered by Councillor F. C. Miller (110 out of 113, 97·35 per cent.), Councillor W. E. Hawkes (74-78, 94·87); Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn (81-86, 94·19), Councillor W. G. Love (80-85, 94·12), and Councillor W. L. Knibbs (79-87, 90·80).

Other members who attended over 90 meetings were Councillor J. Martin (94, 86·24 per cent.), Alderman T. W. Mockford (97, 89·81), Councillor Alderman A. B. C. Kempe (81, 45·76).

Although he has been ill for some time, Alderman T. Smith attended 66 meetings to record a percentage of 55·46, and others well up in the list included Alderman J. White (69, 88·46 per cent.), Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth (79, 71·17), Councillor A. R. Young (65, 73·86), Councillor S. S. Austin (63, 80·77), Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel (92, 80·00), and Councillor Mrs. H. L. Nicholson (35, 74·47).

Councillor H. Prestedge attended 54 meetings but his percentage was only 46·15. Councillor C. F. Sanders, who was present at 59 meetings, registered 65·91 per cent. Councillor O. Hughes, present 43 times, recorded 59·72 per cent., Councillor Dr. D. Lord, attendance 27 meetings out of 31, reached 87·1 per cent., and Councillor G. W. Cattell, with 22 attendances, had a percentage of 47·83.

Not so good were the averages of Councillor G. W. Twigger (12·5), Councillor J. J. Costen (8·7), and Alderman R. J. Mallam (7·14).

A HAPPY COMMITTEE

THANK THEIR LEADERS

Ramsgate Education Committee have had some very difficult problems to face during the past year.

Some months ago the chairman (Alderman W. T. Smith) was taken seriously ill but the committee found an able leader in vice-chairman (Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel).

Tributes to both Alderman Smith and Councillor Harcourt Samuel were paid at the last meeting of the committee for the municipal year at Clarendon House on Saturday.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman, Alderman C. Woodhams said their thanks were due in the first place to Councillor Harcourt Samuel for stepping into the breach following the absence of Alderman Smith. It was a happy committee and he was looking forward to attending many more of its meetings.

Seconding the resolution, Councillor the Rev. J. R. Farnsworth said the Education Committee was one of the most interesting committees of the Council. It was an executive committee and had a great responsibility for the next generation, who would no doubt in time take their places.

Councillor Mrs. Emanuel had kept things going splendidly.

Councillor F. C. Miller referred to the tendency amongst the public to put in by the vice-chairman when the panels were sitting to hear cases concerning the return of children to the reception areas.

Further tributes were paid by Alderman T. W. Mockridge and Councillor Mrs. Dunn, who spoke of the hard work put in by the Secretary (Mr. S. V. West).

GAMES AGAIN

BUT NOT ON SUNDAY MORNING

The Secretary to Ramsgate Education Committee (Mr. S. V. West) has been directed to arrange for Newington Playing Field to be prepared for organised games for use by the children attending the centres for part-time tuition.

The committee have also given permission for the Ramsgate Flight of the A.T.C. to use the ground for organised games on Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

The A.T.C. asked for permission to use the ground on Sundays. While refusing permission for the use of the ground on Sunday mornings, the committee have raised no objection to its use for match play on Sunday afternoons.

ON A REGULAR FOOTING

AUXILIARY FIREMEN'S CHARTER

The manner in which the Fire Brigades Union can help in smoothing out difficulties in the service was emphasised by Mr. D. M. Hughes, secretary of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, at a social gathering at Ramsgate Oddfellows Club.

Mr. Hughes said the Union had been formed in order to make the fire brigades organisation first class. Its work was to clear up those little snags which, although small in themselves, were liable to mount up and so impair the efficiency of the organisation.

The fire fighting services of the country were now being placed on a national basis and the firemen felt that by their suggestions through the Union they could contribute to its ultimate efficiency.

Mr. Hughes said it was a strange thing in the reorganisation of the service that while all the personnel, regular and A.F.S., were put on one footing so far as conditions of service were concerned, there was an enormous difference in the various rates of pay.

There were also anomalies in pay during sickness. The Regular fireman received full pay while laid up but a member of the A.F.S. received full pay only for three weeks and was then placed on the same scale as a civilian who suffered from enemy action.

The Union proposals, which had become known as the Firemen's Charter, asked that the A.F.S. should be placed on the same footing as regular firemen in that respect.

Mr. Hughes appealed for the support by the public of the firemen in their campaign.

PAPER IN PLENTY

RAMSGATE DRIVE GOES AHEAD

Ramsgate's waste paper drive is well under way, and the results so far are encouraging.

Considerable stocks of old account books, novels and old papers have been brought to light and the chute in Queen-street is being used increasingly.

One office in the town has set aside part of its counter and appeals to its customers to "Swell the pile of waste." Another office is tackling the job with industry and purpose.

Traders and professional men who have had records of a more or less private nature on storage in case them tied up in sacks on their premises and thus ensure privacy.

The Council and Council Service works in close co-operation with the local authority, who hand over to it all the paper collected by the dustmen.

The ton of waste paper is the Ministry of Supply's estimated possible collection per 1,000 of the population per month.

One weekly bundle of household waste paper containing seven newspapers, five magazines, a large sugar carton or bag, a round food carton, old book, wrapping paper and bags, two or three other cartons, and two cigarette packets provide sufficient material for:

1 shell fuse
1 box for aero cannon shells
4 boxes of cartridges
Interior components for two mines
2 25-pounder shell caps
2 aero engine dust covers
6 cut-out targets
1 shell container.

GALLANTRY IN FRANCE

OLD ST. PETER'S BOY DECORATED

An old boy of St. Peter's School, C/S/M F. R. Lawrence, R.A.S.C., received the Military Medal from the King at an investiture at Buckingham Palace.

The award was made for gallantry during operations in France.

C/S/M Lawrence, whose home is now at Chatham, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lawrence, of 2 Sea View-villas, Kingsgate.

One of a family of 14, he has four brothers in the Army and two in the Navy.

Before the war C/S/M Lawrence worked at a laundry.

FISHERMAN IN A HURRY

A Ramsgate fisherman's haste to moor his boat before breakfast time led to his appearance at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Albert Hall, of Kingsgate, pleaded guilty to allowing a light to shine from his fish store on the night of 12th October.

P/C Upton said he climbed a gate, entered the yard and extinguished the light. When interviewed defendant said he was in a hurry. They returned home fishing and in his hurry to get back to Ramsgate before lighting up time he forgot to switch off the light.

Defendant told the magistrates he was a bit late and wanted to moor the boat before black-out time.

The case was dismissed with a caution.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BING

For over 40 years in business as a boot and shoe maker at St. Peter's, Mr. Joseph Bing passed away suddenly at Hastings last week at the age of 74.

Mr. Bing was the elder brother of Councillor Mrs. Emanuel's husband.

The business founded by Mr. Bing is still being carried on by his two elder sons and his youngest daughter.

Mr. Bing, who was a widower, had went to live at Cosy Cott, Mayfordsgardens, Pegwell Bay, but in June of last year moved temporarily to Hastings.

The funeral took place at St. Peter's Churchyard on Friday, the service being conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith.

The mourners included Messrs. H. J., F. and W. Bing, Mr. Ring (sons) and Mr. L. Miller (son-in-law).

PREMIER AND POPPY DAY

The Prime Minister has sent this message to the British Legion:

On the 21st anniversary of Poppy Day I send the British Legion my best wishes for a successful response to their annual appeal. I am sure that the general public will give their support for your cause all the more readily when they consider that the British Legion is now working for many who have been discharged as a result of active service in the present conflict, as well as for those who are still suffering from the sacrifices which they made in the last.

COUNCIL OF READERS

XMAS GIFTS FOR PRISONERS

Sir,—I am desirous of getting into touch with all Ramsgate relatives of our prisoners of war, as the Mayoress and myself are desirous of sending gifts to them this Xmas.

All names must be submitted to the Services Secretary, Mrs. D. Poete, at Clarendon House, not later than 11th November.

A. B. C. KEMPE
Mayor.

Mayor's Parlour,
Ramsgate.

CROWDS DOWN BELOW

Sir,—Are we wise in allowing Broadstairs and Margate to use our tunnels? A large percentage of our inhabitants who do not habitually use them but who would have to do so in case of a prolonged or severe attack on this district, might be crowded out by a deluge of them from the areas of the above-named towns. I do not think the idea of making outsiders pay a good one.

Money talks, and these people would be considered gradually before our own residents. How would Dover like to be deluged with refugees from Folkestone? Margate and Broadstairs ought to find or make their own shelters. I believe a figure of 5,000 so can be remedied. Margate was riddled with smugglers' caves when I was young, and still has the vast Vortigern catacombs.

WALTER K. LEWIS.

51 Bellevue-road,
Ramsgate.

[Are we not becoming rather parochial minded? There is surely room enough and to spare in the tunnels for all in Thanet who will not be at some post of duty when danger threatens.—Ed.]

£10 A HEAD

KENT WARSHIP WEEK EFFORT

Kent hopes to raise the sum of £10,000,000 as a result of Warships Weeks, and if the aim is to be achieved savings during this week will have to be at the rate of £10 per head of the population.

The County campaign was launched at a meeting held under the chairmanship of the Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, M.C., at the Queen's Hall, Maidstone.

The meeting was attended by most of the civic heads in the county and by many others interested in the National Savings Movement.

The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) was unable to attend but Ramsgate was represented by Messrs. S. G. Winter and H. E. Wright, Joint National Savings War Campaign Secretaries, and Mr. W. Edis, Head Postmaster.

Margate was represented by the Mayor (Alderman Mrs. Laura Redman), and Councillors C. W. W. Hansen and H. G. Weldon.

The main speakers were the Rt. Hon. Lord Kindersley, C.B.E., President of the National Savings Movement, and Vice-Admiral Sir George D'Oyly Lyon, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, The Nore.

The need for increased savings was urged, it being pointed out that the cost of the fighting and building that must continue to increase to enable the nation to exert the maximum effort required to defeat the foe. Following the speech and action which the democratic peoples are taking in the war effort.

The Navy has played a leading part in the defence of this country and it was thought appropriate that a Warships Savings Campaign should be devoted to help to furnish the Navy with the ships and tools it needs for the rest of the war.

Naming the Vessels.

It was announced that the Admiralty has now found it possible, after each town or district has decided on its target, which is suggested should be related to the cost of one of the various types of ships used by the Navy, to name in advance the actual vessel which will be paid for out of the proceeds of the Warship Week. Each town will then know in advance which ship it is adopting, a plaque commemorating the effort will be given to the local authority by the Admiralty and another will be placed on the ship adopted during the town's week.

The Mayor of Margate gave an assurance that the "Pond Fine" towns, despite their financial difficulties, would pull their weight. No one appreciated more than the people of the south-east coast the need for a strong Navy.

HUSBAND WENT BACK TO MOTHER

DIVORCE FOR A.T.S. CORPORAL

A corporal in the A.T.S., Mrs. Hetty Catherine Scott, formerly of Buckingham-road, Margate, applied in the Divorce Court on Tuesday for a decree nisi against her husband, Harold Stanley Scott, on the ground of his desertion. The case was undefended.

The marriage was at Holy Trinity Church, Margate, on 2nd June, 1930, and they lived at Buckingham-road, Margate, where one child, Yvonne, was worked in a laundry. Her case was that her husband was a "mother's boy" who was constantly going to his mother's house. This led to quarrels. In 1935 when he had a "slight illness" he went to his mother's and was away from her for two or three months. He later returned, but in 1938, when he again had some "slight illness" he returned to his mother. He had never returned to live with her.

After evidence, Mr. Justice Hodson granted a decree nisi.

LADY HAMILTON

GREAT LOVE STORY AT ODEON

One of the greatest romances of all time, the story of Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson, "Lady Hamilton" is being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, throughout this week.

As portrayed by Vivien Leigh and Laurence Olivier, these two leading characters come to life on celluloid and reach a new standard in dramatic interpretation. Miss Leigh is, of course, superb as that exciting beauty of her day, Emma Hamilton, who was painted 40 times by that great portrait painter, Romney.

Olivier is seen in the role of the hero of Trafalgar, the man who almost staked his reputation that the night lay his love at the feet of the lovely and fascinating Emma.

Equally outstanding in a superb supporting cast are Alan Mowbray as Lord Hamilton, Gladys Cooper as Lady Nelson, Henry Wilcoxon as Capt. Hardy, and Heather Angel as a street girl.

It is one of the most thrilling motion pictures on record. In addition to mirroring the opulent period of Emma Hamilton's time Alexander Korda, the producer, has concentrated on a love story that has few parallels for exciting and colourful incident, for pulsating drama and emotion, and for thrilling suspense.

IN SEA ACTION

CAPTURED CAPTAIN COMMENDED

Since he has been a prisoner of war in Germany, Capt. Lombe Atthill, of the Merchant Navy, whose home is at Glendarah, St. Mildred's-avenue, Ramsgate, has been commended for his services when in action with the enemy.

Son-in-law of Mr. J. Acock of Canterbury-road, Ramsgate, Capt. Atthill is an old boy of Chatham House School.

Early in the war Capt. Atthill was awarded the O.B.E. for distinguished services at sea and he should have attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace a few days before he was reported missing.

His wife, Mrs. L. Atthill, who is now living at 42 College-road, Reading, Berks, has received the following letter from the Admiralty, addressed to her husband:

"Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty direct me to inform you that they have learned with great pleasure that on the recommendation of the First Lord the Prime Minister has obtained the King's approval for the publication of your name in the "London Gazette as commended for their services in S.S. ——, in action with the enemy. A copy of this letter has been sent to the owners of the ship. I am, sir, your obedient servant, H. V. Markham."

EDUCATION INVALIDS

ANOTHER RAMSGATE CASUALTY

The latest "casualty" on Ramsgate Education Committee is Father Norbert Lapworth.

At a meeting of the committee on Saturday the vice-chairman (Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel) said he understood that their chairman, Alderman W. T. Smith, was making satisfactory progress.

They were sorry, he said, to learn that Father Lapworth was added to the list of invalids. He was suffering from acute insomnia and would be away from Ramsgate for some time. It was possible that Alderman Smith would not be serving on the committee next year and he was sure the members would wish him to express their appreciation of Father Lapworth's co-operation during the years he had served on the committee.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Hawkes.—29th October, at 5 Beacon-road, Broadstairs, to Norah (née Terry), wife of Sig. C. W. Hawkes, the Air Force, a son (George Harold).

Hobday.—28th October, at Brownhills, near Walsall, Staffs., the wife of Arthur S. Hobday, of a son.

Hopkins.—7th October, at 15 Mutrix-road, Margate, the wife of Frank Hopkins, of a daughter.

Montague.—30th October, at 37 Montague-road, Ramsgate, the wife of Sergt. S. Rogers, of a son.

Sutton.—28th October, at Margate, the wife of L. E. A. Sutton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Castle—Kemp.—24th October, at St. Lawrence Church, Ramsgate, A. C. of Cowland-Cooper, Vicar, Gnr. James Owen Castle, R.A., to Eleanor Olive Kemp, both of Ramsgate.

Greener—Barker.—26th October, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. B. Farnsworth, Lance-Corpl. Clarence, of Hamsteels, Co. Durham, to Doris Edith Barker, of Ramsgate.

Hempsall—Wellard.—25th October, at St. Mathew's Church, Leeds, Edgar Hempsall, of Belgrave, Leeds, to Phyllis Joyce Wellard, of St. Lawrence, Ramsgate.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Langley—Wells.—26th October, 1891, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, John Simeon Geneste Langley to Annie Elizabeth Wells, both of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Bing.—27th October, at Hastings, Joseph Bing, formerly of St. Peter's, and Pegwell Bay, aged 74 years.

Duncan.—27th October, at Merthyr Tydfil, Ada Sarah Duncan, widow of R. S. Duncan, senr., of 56 Crescent-road, Ramsgate, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Wood. After many years of suffering patiently borne, aged 64 years. Interred at Ramsgate Cemetery.

Holt.—30th October, at Parkgate, Pierremont-avenue, Broadstairs, William Holt, late of Battle.

Herrington.—26th October, at Wilton, Mary Ann Herrington, late of Margate.

Paine.—31st October, at Dover, George Paine, formerly of Ramsgate, aged 74 years.

Rout.—2nd November, at Teddington Memorial Hospital, William John Rout, of Rosthoime, Ramsgate, aged 68 years.

Sharp.—29th October, at 3 Crescent-road, Birchington, Emma Maud Sharp, aged 80 years.

Strange.—28th October, suddenly, at Grantham, Lincs., Mary Strange, widow of the late (Sol. C. R. Strange, of Birchington.

IN MEMORIAM

Miller.—With cherished and happiest memories of "Kim," R.A.F.V.R., 610 Squadron, on active service, 5th November, 1940. Very dearly loved younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Miller, of 5 Belle-road, Ramsgate, and husband of Ruby. Ron, Sylvia and Daphne. So sadly missed by all.

Among the chosen few,
Among the very brave, the very true!
And many friends of his, the loveliest and best.
That time and fate of all their vintage prest,
Have drunk their cup a round or two before.
And one by one crept silently to rest.

Stewart.—Treasured memories of my dear wife, (Baba) Lilian Hilda Stewart, who was killed in action, 30th October, 1940.—For ever in my thoughts.—From her loving husband.

Stewart.—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter, (Baba) Lilian Hilda Stewart (late Corporal, A.T.S.), killed in enemy action, 2nd November, 1940.

Sweetest memories are all that are left
Of the one we loved dearly and will never forget.
A beautiful memory, far dearer than gold,
Of a daughter whose worth can never be told.
—From Mum and Dad, late 102 Kingsstreet, Ramsgate.

Stewart.—In loving memory of my dear niece, (Baba) Lilian Hilda Stewart, killed through enemy action, 2nd November, 1940.

Resting where no shadows fall.
In God's keeping where no sorrow is all.
—Aunt Lil, 102a Camden House, Camdensquare, Ramsgate.

Terry.—In loving memory of a dear son and brother, Harold Thomas Terry, lost while serving aboard H.M. minesweeper Tilburnness, 1st November, 1940.—Always in the thoughts of Mum and Sisters Norah and Kathleen.

Beneath the wide and silent seas
How many unknown heroes lie,
How many sons of Britain sleep
Where ash winds sleep and seagulls cry.
—5 Beacon-road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs.

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